

# Reception Spring Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely half term! The children have settled back in to the daily routine of Reception well and we are all looking forward to another busy fun filled half term in the lead up to Easter!

Our focus on developing the children's independence has been gradually improving. All children are now saying goodbye to their parents and carers at the door and are doing their morning jobs themselves. Thank you for your support with this important transition.

Here is an outline of what we will be covering over the next few months.

## **RWI**

This half term, we have assessed and will be regrouping the children for their daily RWInc lessons. Most children have made progress, which is fantastic.

Please continue to practise recognising all sounds at home and blending sounds together to make simple words. If children are bringing reading books home these books will be changed every Friday. They must be returned at the end of each week.

Have a look at the website below where there are a lot of excellent videos.

Website address: [www.ruthmiskin.com/en/find-out-more/parents/](http://www.ruthmiskin.com/en/find-out-more/parents/)

Please also continue to focus on the correct letter formation with a good pencil grip with your children at home. We hope that you have found the letter formation files we have sent home useful.

The statements the children are being expected to achieve this term are



- Links sounds to letters when segmenting and blending CVC words
  - Segments CVC words and use appropriate letters to represent sounds in their writing
  - Use their phonic knowledge to write words in ways which match their spoken sounds.
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- Writes simple sentences which can be read by themselves and others, with some words spelt correctly and others phonetically plausible.

This term, we are continuing to read a different fairy tale each week. The children will have opportunities to speak about the story, act it out and start writing some sentences about them.

The statements the children are being expected to achieve this term are



- Talks about what they have read showing some understanding and emotional engagement with the content.

## **Maths**

In Weeks 7-9 we will revisit number, with a focus on adding and subtracting. During weeks 10 and 11 we will focus on shape, space and measures, in particular 3D shape. Towards the end of term we will look at time.

It is important for children to develop a deep understanding of individual numbers to 10. This means that children should know what each number looks like, the value of it and to know that the value of it does not change even if the position of the objects does (because nothing has been added or taken away). The children need to begin to understand different ways of making numbers up to 10.

The scheme we follow in school Maths no problem follows a Concrete, pictorial, abstract (CPA) approach. It is a highly effective approach to teaching that develops a deep and sustainable understanding of maths in pupils.

You can find more information about this on the website below.

[www.mathsnoproblem.com/en/mastery/concrete-pictorial-abstract/](http://www.mathsnoproblem.com/en/mastery/concrete-pictorial-abstract/)



The statements the children are being expected to achieve this term are

- Counts reliably with numbers 0-10 (0-20), place them in order and say what is one more and one less than a given number.
- Uses comparative language to describe and compare measures (size, weight, capacity and time)
- Explores characteristics of everyday objects, 2D and 3D shapes using Mathematical language to describe them.

## **Topic**

We are going to continue to focus on a different Fairy Tale story each week. Some of the stories that we are going to be reading are Hansel and Gretel, The Emperor's New Clothes, The Ugly Duckling and Jack and the Beanstalk. We will be planning some fun activities based around these stories, growing some plants and flowers and talking about bullying and stranger danger.

We will also be reading the Easter story and making Easter baskets and cards. We might even be lucky enough to be visited by the Easter bunny! It is also great if you can talk as a family at home about what you do to celebrate these occasions and how some families may celebrate in different ways.

## **Jigsaw**

In our Jigsaw PSHE sessions, our topic is 'Healthy Me'. We will be discussing what a healthy and balance diet looks like. We will discuss the importance of physical activity and how we can ensure we are doing enough exercise. We will end the chapter by discussing healthy relationships and how to stay calm and deal with difficult decisions.

## **Dates for you diaries!**

5<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day – Cosy theme: PJs, Onesies, dressing gowns etc

12<sup>th</sup> March – Class Photographs by Peter Trenchard

13<sup>th</sup> March – Sport Relief – more info to follow

20<sup>th</sup> March – Mother's Day Breakfast – more info to follow via parent notice board

1<sup>st</sup> April – Sponsored Walk

3<sup>rd</sup> April – Reserved date for Sponsored Walk & End of Spring Term

6<sup>th</sup> April – 20<sup>th</sup> April - Easter Holiday

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April – INSET DAY

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April – Summer Term Begins

## **Reminders**

- Thank you to those of you who have paid the £30 snack money for the Spring term. For those outstanding, these can be paid with cash or cheque.
- Letter formation files will continue to be collected every Wednesday and another sheet will be added and sent home every Friday. Please ensure your child's file is always in their book bag.
- Storybook bags will be changed every Friday. Please ensure your child's storybook bag is in school every Friday.
- PE days will continue to be on Thursday and Friday this half term.
- The last swimming session this term is Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March.
- We hope that you are all enjoying your child's Early Excellence Learning Journey. Please continue to add photographs from home!
- Please remember to always have spare clean clothes for your child in school at all times.
- Busy Things is a great resource to use at home.

The website is <https://www.busythings.co.uk/>

Login: home8972 Password: crazy8362

Our doors are always open and we can always find time to answer any questions or queries so please do not hesitate to contact us.



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Many thanks,

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