



Reception Newsletter



SPRING TERM 2

FEBRUARY 2024



Welcome to Reception's fourth newsletter of the year.

We hope you had a lovely half term. Below is a brief summary of the things we will be covering over the next 5 weeks.

If you ever have any questions regarding information in the newsletter or just in general, please speak to a member of the Reception team or contact the school office who will direct your queries to us.

This half term our work and activities will be based around our topics **Kenya, Plants and Easter**.

In week 1, we will learn about **Chinese New Year** and some of the traditions and celebrations that take place linked to this celebration around the world.

In weeks 2 and 3, we will look at the **African country of Kenya**. We will revisit the previous work we did in the Autumn term on Partington and the Polar Regions and explore key characteristics of Kenya and think about the similarities and differences between life in Partington and life in Kenya.

In Week 4, we will explore our **local habitat** and begin to identify, name and describe **plants** in our immediate surroundings. We will plant some seeds and study how plants grow and change.

In week 5, we will learn about the Christian festival of **Easter**. We will become familiar with the story of Easter and think about the customs and traditions that people around the world follow at this time of the year. We will also learn some Easter themed songs, participate in some Easter crafts and activities and hold an Easter Bonnet Parade and Assembly.

To support the teaching and learning of our key themes and ideas this term, we will be reading a range of fiction and non fiction texts. Below is a list of some of the books that we will be reading:

The Great Race, The World Atlas and Maps, Handa's Hen, The Snail and the Whale, The Enormous Turnip, My Bean Diary, and The Easter Story.

In Maths, we will continue following the White Rose Reception Scheme of Learning and the NCETM Mastering Number scheme of work. In week 1, we will complete Block 3, Growing 6 7 8; in weeks 2 and 3 we will focus on Block 4, Length, Height and Time; and in weeks 4 and 5, we will focus on Block 5, Building 9 and 10.

We will continue with our daily adapted Read Write Inc phonics sessions and your child will receive weekly phonics homework and reading materials that are matched to your child's level of phonic attainment.

In writing, we will continue with our Drawing Club sessions. This term, we will continue to create our own characters and settings and use our imaginations to create amazing adventure times. We will continue to encourage the children to use their phonological knowledge to accurately write simple words and phrases and to remember finger spaces in their writing when writing consecutive words.

Please remember to label all personal items and to provide a spare set of clothes and underwear in a labelled bag.

Please make sure that your child brings their reading folder and planner into school everyday and returns their library book on a Friday.

This term, both Reception classes will have PE on a Friday afternoon. Please make sure that your child's PE kit is in school by Friday.

Every Wednesday, we will be holding a Show and Tell session at the end of the day. Your child is invited to bring a small toy or something of importance to them, into school on that day so that they can share this with their peers.