



1st Half Spring 2019

Early Years

Area of Development	Our topic for next half term is <u>'Fantasy'</u>
Communication, Language, Reading and Writing	<p>Each week the children will be taking part in activities associated with 'Fantasy'. We will be reading books associated with the fantasy topic. Examples include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meg and Mog books • Super Daisy • Jim and the Beanstalk • The Mr Men/Little Miss • Pirate Stories • The Worst Princess <p>We will continue to have daily Letters and Sounds activities, playing games and blending for reading. The children will develop their speaking, listening and memory skills. The children will take part in lots of writing activities associated with our topic. If your child does any writing at home please bring it in or pop a picture on Tapestry as we would love to see it!!</p>
Mathematics	<p>The children will take part in lots of number activities involving number recognition, ordering numbers, counting activities, problem solving, adding, subtracting, doubling, halving, sharing and 2D and 3D shape activities. Children will also use everyday language to talk about size, weight, capacity, positions, distance, time and money to compare quantities and objects and to solve problems. The activities will be linked to our weekly topics.</p>
Personal, Social and Emotional Development	<p>We continuously encourage the children to develop independence and key skills to help them throughout the rest of their school journey by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forming friendships with children • Sharing toys • Manners (saying please and thank you) • Managing feelings and behaviour • Listening to children and adults • Developing the confidence to talk in front of others • Self-confident and self-aware • Washing hands • Getting dressed and undressed independently • Mrs Best teaches the class Personal, Social and Emotional Development each week. • We have circle time activities each week to discuss any issues or topics.
Understanding the World	<p>During our topics, the children will learn about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigations • Testing Materials • Look at change, patterns, similarities and why things happen and how things work. • Similarities and differences in relation to places, objects, materials and living things. • Making observations of trees, animals and plants and explain why some things occur and talk about changes. • Completing ICT programmes • Using the I pads • French.
Expressive Arts and Design	<p>The children will sing songs and have the opportunity to compose pieces of music with instruments related to our topics, be imaginative, play cooperatively to develop and act out narratives. Paints, pastels, crayons, and other mark making materials and art equipment will be available every day for the children to use. Mrs Burns teaches the class Music each week.</p>
Physical Development	<p>The children will use the following pieces of equipment to develop their fine motor and gross motor skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Play dough and other malleable materials • Baking • Scissors and glue • Mark making materials • Play various playground games. • Climbing Frame and tunnels • Scooters and bikes • Obstacle courses

- Bats and balls
- Hoops and beanbags
- Wooden and plastic blocks

Outdoor Play

As the weather is very changeable we would like to remind parents/carers to ensure children bring appropriate clothing to school for outdoor play. Wellies, coats, hats should all have names in them. It is a very good idea to send a spare set of clothes in for your child in case they get wet or dirty.

School uniform

Please ensure **all** uniform is clearly labelled with your child's name. . Please remember that Reception children must wear a tie, a shirt with pointed collars, a school jumper or cardigan with the logo on, grey trousers/skirt/pinafore and plain black school shoes.

Home Learning

Home Learning and phonics work is given out each Friday and must be returned by the following Wednesday.

P.E.

We have PE on Fridays. Please make sure your child has their PE kit with them at school all week as we might have an extra PE session.

Visits

On Tuesday afternoons we will be having our weekly 'Welly Walk'. We will basically be walking around the local area and carrying out various activities whilst we are out and about.

Toys, scooters & bikes

Please do not allow your child to bring toys or teddies into school as we do not want them to get lost or broken. Please can we also remind you that in the interests of safety, if your child comes to school on a bicycle, scooter or any other child's vehicle they must dismount the item when they arrive at the gate and lock it in the cycle store (located on the main school playground) Please be aware that the main school gates will be locked at lunch time and won't re-open until 3:25pm. Alternatively, scooters and bikes can be handed to the parent/carer to take home for safe-keeping. Unfortunately we are unable to store scooters and bikes in our nursery playground for safety reasons. Thank you.

Early Years Fund

Thank you for your weekly 50p donations. They really do make a difference. Last term, we were able to buy lots of lovely new resources to enhance our continuous provision. We bought seeds to plant, resources for our role play area, art/craft materials and ingredients to make play-doh and salt dough
We are continuing to ask Early Years parents for a contribution of 50p per week. There is an envelope on the Reception classroom door and a class list. Please tick your child's name off when you have donated the 50p. If you would like to pay for the whole term Miss Powell is in the process of setting up a Schoolcomms to enable you to do this.

Important dates for your diary:

Monday 7 th January 2019	School Opens for Spring Term 1
Monday 21 st January 2019	World Religion Day
Friday 1 st February 2019	Charity Day: Leo's – Non-uniform Day
Tuesday 5 th February 2019	Safer Internet Day
Tuesday 12 th and Wednesday 13 th February 2019	Parent Consultation Evenings
Friday 15 th February 2019	3.30pm, School closes for Half Term

Should you have any questions or concerns about the details above, or any other matters, please do not hesitate to get in touch. Here's hoping for an exciting and productive term!

Early Years Team