

Reception Newsletter

Spring Term



Dear Parents/Carers

We hope you have had an enjoyable Christmas holiday and wish you a happy and peaceful New Year. Many thanks for your generous cards and gifts which we all appreciated. Your children have settled well into school and we look forward to another busy and productive term.

Our topic for this term will be 'Families' and this will be used as a framework for teaching the curriculum. We will be asking for family and baby photos to help the children develop a sense of the past.

We will be investigating the properties of chocolate, planting seeds and looking for changes in the seasons, and developing creative skills by investigating new art techniques and learning new songs and rhymes.

We will continue to reinforce and introduce phonic sounds and develop reading and writing skills, some of which will relate to the topic. We will be thinking about linking sound and spelling patterns and we will also be looking at CVC words for example, hat, cat, mat sat: run, fun, bun.

In numeracy we will be counting forwards and backwards and comparing and ordering numbers, continuing with 2D and 3D shape, addition and subtraction and money related to real life situations. We will be comparing sizes, sets of

numbers, naming the days of the week and introducing the vocabulary of time.

We hope this information will be useful in helping you to support your child's learning in School.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs S Priest

Foundation Stage Co-ordinator

** Please may we remind you to label your child's clothes and P.E.kit.**

Reception Staff

Teachers:

Miss Haworth, Miss Lee, Mrs. Priest and Mrs. Stack

Classroom Assistants:

Mrs. Bakul, Mrs. Ravi and Mrs. Rosenthal

Learning Support Assistants:

Mrs. Shergill, Mrs. Halai, Mrs. Kansagra and Mrs. Okin

Have fun with your child this spring.

In the cold weather wrap up and play in the snow (?) or go for walks and talk about where all the leaves and flowers have gone. As spring begins talk about the changes that are happening; what will all the green shoots grow into, can you find leaf buds on the trees?

Encourage your child to grow something of their own in a pot on the windowsill, e.g. cress, beans etc. that are easy to grow. What do they need to do to help it grow?

Let your child help you cook and see what happens to food as it cooks; how does it change? What ingredients do you need? How do we measure quantities? It can be quite messy but is such a valuable learning experience and if the weather is bad, what better excuse to stay indoors?!

Keep reading stories to your child everyday.

Also read and learn simple rhymes and songs, listening to music and learning little bits of favourite songs.

Take some time to look through family photo albums and talk about who is in the photo, where it was taken and when. Look at photos of your child as they have grown. They love looking at themselves! Talk about what they were like as a baby and how they have changed.