

RECEPTION NEWSLETTER – SPRING TERM

Welcome back and Happy New Year!

The children have all come back to school happily and are enjoying seeing their friends and teachers again.

We are very excited to be welcoming some dinosaur friends into school to kick start our new topic. No doubt the children will soon be filling you in on our special visitors and sharing their discoveries from the Life Long Ago Fossil Workshop.

We will also be learning all about Chinese New Year and how it is celebrated. If there are any families in the year group who celebrate this and would like to share some information about their celebrations or who could bring in any resources, please let us know.

We are covering a wide range of topics over the term and it is always wonderful to see the children's enthusiasm for these. If your child has any books or special objects for 'show and tell' that they would like to bring in they are more than welcome to do so, as long as it is topic related.

Other events to look forward to this term include Number Day and World Book Day. You will receive further information about these events nearer the time.

Parent teacher meetings will be taking place at the end of this half term on Tuesday 6th and Wednesday 7th February. These meetings will be face-to-face and take place in your child's classroom.

We thank you for your continued support and look forward to a successful term! Please do not hesitate to ask any questions you may have.

Kind Regards,

Miss Smith, Miss Winter and Miss Coward

MATHS

Children will:

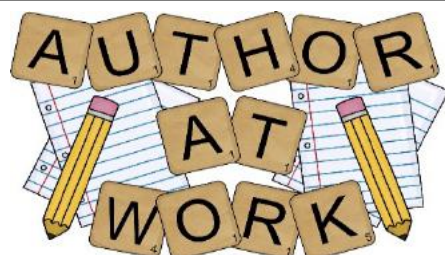
- continue to develop their subitising skills (seeing the quantity without counting) for numbers within and beyond 5, and increasingly connect quantities to numerals
- begin to identify missing parts for numbers within 5
- explore the structure of the numbers 6 and 7
- focus on equal and unequal groups when comparing numbers
- understand that two equal groups can be called a 'double' and connect this to finger patterns
- sort odd and even numbers
- continue to develop their understanding of the counting sequence
- order numbers and play track games
- join in with verbal counts beyond 20

PHONICS & LITERACY

Children will be consolidating their knowledge of all single sounds and will be learning all digraphs and trigraphs.

They will be continuing to practise their blending and segmenting skills in their reading and writing.

In their writing, the children will be focussing on their letter formation. They will be starting to write simple sentences, using finger spaces, full stops and capital letters.



PSHE

Dreams and Goals

- Being determined
- Goal setting
- Supporting others
- Recognising my own success

Healthy Me

- Looking after and understanding my body
- Self-care and hygiene
- Being safe



RE

Why Do Christians Believe Jesus Is Special?

What Is So Special About Easter?

PE

The children will be developing fundamental skills for games and also using apparatus in gymnastics.

TOPICS

Here are the topics we will be covering this term. At the start of each topic you will receive a bulletin containing more information.

Dinosaurs

- Herbivores, carnivores and omnivores
- Fossils

Wild Animals

- Habitats
- Camouflage
- Predators and prey

Chinese New Year

- Traditions
- Facts about China
- Story of the Zodiac

People Who Help Us

- Roles of the emergency services
- Comparing the emergency services in the past and present
- Transport used by emergency services

Shape

- Shapes in our environment
- Names and properties of 2D and 3D shapes

Spring

- Seasonal changes
- New life, nature and animals

Easter

- The Easter Story
- How Easter is celebrated