

Our topic for this half term in Reception is *Around the World Celebrations*.



In Maths we will be:

- Counting, recognising and ordering numbers to at least 10.
- Saying which number is one more or one less than a given number to at least 10.
- Order two items according to their size, weight or capacity
- Ordering and sequencing familiar events and using everyday language related to time
- Naming and sorting 2D and 3D shapes

In Literacy we will be:

- Hearing and saying the initial sounds in words.
- Sharing a range of fiction and non-fiction books
- Learning initial Read Write Inc. sounds
- Writing recognisable letters
- Blending CVC words (e.g. c-a-t cat, p-i-n pin)
- Segmenting CVC words (e.g. leg l-e-g, shop sh-o-p)

In Understanding the World we will be:

- Recognising the similarities and differences between ourselves and others and how events are celebrated by different people and cultures.
- Completing simple programmes on a computer



In Expressive Arts and Design we will be:

- Exploring the different sounds of instruments.
- Constructing with a purpose in mind.
- Selecting appropriate resources and adapting work where necessary.
- Choosing particular colours to use for a purpose
- Introducing a storyline or narrative into our play.

In Physical Development we will be:

- Improving our control over objects by pushing, patting, throwing, catching or kicking it.
- Using a range of different tools safely.
- Developing a comfortable pencil grip and forming recognisable letters and words.
- Taking about the affect exercise has on our bodies

In Personal, Social and Emotional Development and Religious Education we will be:

- Speaking to others about our own needs, wants, interests and opinions.
- Exploring the Hindu festival of Diwali, Jewish festival of Hanukah and the Christian festival of Christmas.
- Comparing different celebrations around the world.

In Communication and Language we will be:

- Maintaining focus and attention on chosen activities
- Developing two - channeled attention (can do and listen at the same time)
- Imagining and recreating roles in fictional stories.
- Taking turns in conversations and responding to questions
- Talking about the sequence of events in stories and saying what happened in the beginning, middle and end.

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How can you help?

Record achievements at home on **Tapestry**, we love to hear what the children get up to at home. Remember you can also like and comment on the observations we make in school.

Read daily with your child – any text that they are interested in including stories, fact books, poems, magazines, comics and newspapers.

Practise recognising the sounds sent home – blending simple sounds together l-e-g is leg and p-i-n is pin. Then segmenting them to write them dog is d-o-g.

Practise identifying numbers that are one more or one less than a given number.

Uniform

Please ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform including appropriate footwear. Please ask your class teacher if you have any queries. **All uniform should be named.**

We will be going outside in all weathers so please ensure your child has a waterproof coat and wellington boots.

Spare clothes including underwear should also be included with your child's PE kit.



Reading

In class this half term we will be reading a range of story and information books from around the world.

As well as their weekly library book, your child is now bringing home a reading book linked to the sounds they know. **Please listen to them read every night.** Ask them to identify the title, author, blurb and to predict what they think will happen. As they are reading ask them questions about what they are reading. **Please make comments in their reading record books so we know when to change the books. We will be changing library and reading books on Friday's.**

Wow Day

Class Teddies Party and Visit to Post Office

On **Tuesday 20th November** we will be celebrating Sparkle, Bobbie and Marzipan's birthdays. The children will plan the party, make party hats, write invitations and post them at the Post Office, bake cakes and write birthday cards.

In preparation for our parties the children will be writing their own invitations and taking them to the Post Office on **Tuesday 13th November**. If you haven't already, please could you send in **56p in a named sealed envelope** for the children to take to the Post Office.



Date for your Diary

Reception's performance of **Wriggly Nativity** will be on **Tuesday 18th December** at 2pm. Further details will be sent out nearer the time.



PE Kit

Reception will be having their PE lessons on:

RP – Tuesday am

RJ – Wednesday am

RR – Thursday am

Please ensure your child has a plain white t shirt, navy shorts and plimsolls in school on this day. Again this should all be **clearly named**. **Earrings need to be removed for PE.**

