

# The World Around Us.



Welcome back! We hope you had a wonderful break.

This half term we will be exploring our local environment, the houses where we live and comparing them to other environments. We will see what environments capture the children's interest and plan from there. Last year it was the Arctic, the year before we went to Space!

## Communication and Literacy

It is vital that we all communicate well. These



skills have to be taught and modelled. We will use the Role play area to help with this.

We read stories regularly and this term we will continue to share stories and non-fiction books.

## Our Assembly

We shall show the whole school



and parents an assembly on February 7<sup>th</sup> at 9.10 am.

This will be a showcase of the things we have been learning so far during this term.

## Physical development

This term our PE sessions will be Gymnastics.



Healthy Eating and good lifestyle choices will also be a key focus.

### Personal and Social and Emotional Development

We have introduced the

What went Well session



into our week and we will continue to use this.

It is a massive skill to be able to recognize the needs of others. It is also very difficult for the children to understand and recognize their emotions; we will continue to focus on this during this term.

### Reading Books



In Reception we will continue to

take books home. We should share these stories with our families every day. The books will be changed weekly and adults will read with the children. Books **MUST** be in school every day.

Nursery will continue have the opportunity to choose a library book each Friday

### Phonics

In Reception we will continue our daily phonics session.

## Phonics

Children are taught the pure sounds and adults should try to not put an extra 'uh' on sounds or say the capital sounds. Please let me know if you

would like any extra information on this.

In Nursery we will play regular phonic games involving listening to and identifying a variety of everyday sounds

### Numeracy

We shall continue to sing Number songs and play games as these are the best way to help your children become familiar with number recognition.

This term we shall be investigating addition. Please continue this at home with real life situations where possible.

We shall also be investigating Days of the



Week and the idea of time and the routines of our day.

### Understanding of the World



The seasonal change could bring us many exciting opportunities to explore the world around us. We will also visit our Forest school weekly. Children **MUST** have wellies and a coat in school at all times as we go out whatever the weather.

ICT is also covered in this heading and we will have time with Laptops, IPADS, Interactive



Whiteboards, Beebots and CD players.

### Religious Education



We use prayer every day to reflect upon our day and to be thankful.

Reception will also attend an assembly once a week with the rest of the school. Reception will be exploring the idea of Ultimate Questions as well as investigating other religious festivals such as Chinese New Year. Nursery will have regular story sessions with the Rector.

### Expressive Arts and Design

This term we hope to use junk modelling equipment to make models



depending on the children's interest.

We always have access to paints, play dough, junk modelling and also collage material.

We always have a variety of music and musical equipment available.



Please discuss at home different styles of music and enjoy the variations if you find the opportunity.

## Tapestry

We are very fortunate to have access to the Tapestry online journal system. This enables us to observe your children and assess how they are developing with the Early Years Profile. This information is shared with you and you can share



observations from home with us so that we can build on your child's interests. Please talk to us if you require further information regarding Tapestry.

## Finally

Can we remind you that we are a Voluntary Aided school and really appreciate your donations. These donations help us to enhance the activities for your child at school such as cooking.



We are also desperate for parent helpers. Please talk to your parent rep if you can help.

This is an exciting term and one that really



sees the children's learning motor on rapidly. We are now nearly half

way through the school year with only 6 months left!!! Please encourage their independence when entering school.

Encourage them to take responsibility for their homework. There really is no stopping us now and I am super excited to watch them really excel.

**Mrs Bates and the  
Foundation stage Team.**