



## RHODES AVENUE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Year: Reception

Spring Term 2018

Curriculum News letter (Termly Class Letter)

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are delighted that the children settled so well into school life. We had a busy first term and are excited to continue our learning with all our friends. Our topic this half term is 'Amazing Changes' and we will be learning about changes in nature, ourselves and food through a variety of activities.

The next topic in Spring 2 will be 'Let's Explore' and we will be looking at growth in fruit and vegetables, planting our own fruit and vegetables and learning about how to stay healthy. It is going to be another fun packed busy term!

### Prime Areas

#### Personal, Social & Emotional

- Team work and turn taking games
- Waiting for our turn
- Listening to others when they are speaking
- Dealing with conflict, finding a compromise
- Sharing resources and being kind to others
- Describing ourselves positively and talking about our abilities

#### Physical Development

- PE lessons using a variety of equipment
- Using one handed tools appropriately
- Using a pencil in a tripod grip
- Actions to stories
- Healthy eating and looking after our bodies
- Practising our motor skills to strengthen our muscles

#### Communication and Language

- Speaking and listening games
- Songs and rhymes related to our topics
- Talk for writing with favourite stories
- Joining in with stories using repeated refrains
- Role playing and making up our own stories
- Encouraging language with props and themed role play areas

### Specific Areas

### **Literacy**

- Encouraging mark making and independent writing
- Focus writing tasks with class teacher
- 1:1 reading with class teacher
- Tactile activities in the sand, salt, rice and other media
- Using non-fiction books to find information related to our topics
- Using the book corners to enjoy independent reading
- Daily phonics grouped lessons

### **Mathematics**

- Counting child initiated objects e.g. trains, dinosaurs
- Forming numbers
- Using objects to add and subtract single digit numbers
- Measuring activities related to time, weight, length and capacity

### **Understanding the World**

- Recognising changes in the weather and materials
- Understanding change processes in water and when cooking
- Cooking and baking to show changes in the ingredients
- Circle times for celebrations
- Talking about healthy eating and growing
- Using a variety of ICT equipment

### **Expressive Arts & Design**

- Making props to support role play and acting out a narrative
- Dancing
- Exploring a variety of materials and tools and techniques to create displays and art work
- Singing familiar songs
- Exploring sounds in music lessons using instruments.

### **Observations and Planning for the Children's Progression**

Don't forget about our online tool (Look @ Me) to record the children's learning. Please be reminded to log in on a regular basis to have a look at what your child has been doing in school. You should have received your log in details via email last term, however if you are having any difficulties in accessing Look @ Me please tell the class teacher who will be able to help.

### **Homework**

Please be reminded that your child should be able to complete their homework with minimal adult support, however if your child does struggle with the homework provided please do not hesitate to adapt the homework as you feel appropriate. We have been very impressed with the lovely homework the children have been doing so far. To clarify, the yellow book bag should contain your child's reading log and book/ditty sheets, phonics sound sheet and the blue home learning book.

Please ensure the yellow bag is returned to school on **Tuesday** mornings.

### **Important Spring term dates for your diaries:**

Half term	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> February until Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February
Parents' evenings	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> March Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> March
End of term	Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March
INSET day	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> April

### **Other Information**

All important notices will be placed in the class notice boards and emailed so please make sure that your contact details are up to date with the school office.

Our year group page on the school website has some valuable information about the Reception year and age related expectations. It also has some resources for you to help your child learn at home. Please have a look and speak to your class teacher if you have any questions.

Please remember to always provide a change of clothes in a named bag. This stays in school in a special box under their peg.

If you have any questions or queries, please do remember we are always here to help. After school is a more convenient time to speak to us as the morning time is very busy.

Thank you for your continued support,  
Meghan, Myrtle and Laura

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