



RHODES AVENUE
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Year: Reception

Spring Term 2019

Curriculum News letter (Termly Class Letter)

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Issue 2

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 and finding a compromise
- Sharing resources and being kind to others
- Describing ourselves positively and talking about our abilities

Physical Development

- PE lessons - working on core stability through stretching and movement
- 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 correct letter formation and independent writing
- Focus writing tasks with class teacher
- 1:1 or partner 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 area 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 nature, ourselves and food
- 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 – Tapestry - to celebrate 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 Tapestry please tell the class teacher who will be able to help.

Home Learning

Please be reminded to check our Reception web page on the school website every Friday to find out what we have been up to in school for the week. You will also find some home learning suggestions should you wish to do some things at home to enhance their learning.

Please ensure the yellow bag is returned to school on your child's reading day.

Important Spring term dates for your diaries:

Book at Bedtime (RAPSA fundraiser - details to follow)	Monday 4 th February
Half term	Monday 18 th February until Friday 22 nd February
Parents' evenings	Wednesday 20 th March Thursday 21 st March
Spring Fair	Saturday 23 rd March
End of term	Friday 5 th 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. Clothes should be clearly labelled with your child's name. This bag stays in school in a 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,
Kelly, Myrtle and Laura

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