

Class One Newsletter
Spring Term 2018.
Foundation Stage - Reception.

PRIME AREAS.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development. We will reinforce positive classroom rules together. We will use self help systems to become independent learners. We will establish routines. We will continue to learn how to use materials and equipment. We will learn how to take turns. We will talk about our feelings and talk about acceptable behaviours. We will learn how to communicate our needs and build self confidence. We will learn how to set goals and how good it is to be unique.

Communication and Language. We will develop being Good Listeners and further develop self confidence to talk in pairs and small groups. In our play and other activities we will continue to help the children develop their language by introducing new words and helping them to use more complex sentences. We will expect the children to be able to follow simple instructions and understand 'how' and 'why' questions.

Physical Development. We will build on last term's development. The children will again explore a range of climbing, balancing and sliding activities indoors and outdoors. They will have opportunity to move freely and develop confidence in running, jumping, skipping and walking. We will have two PE lessons a week, Monday and Friday. This term we will be covering Multi skills, Dance and Gymnastics. To develop fine motor skills the children will be taught how to use equipment and mark making tools. They will be provided with a wide range of activities to develop these skills such as threading, sewing, painting and drawing, playing in sand and water, modelling with clay and dough. The children will learn about the importance of good personal hygiene and become aware of how physical activity affects their bodies.

SPECIFIC AREAS.

Literacy - Reading. This term we will continue individual reading and group reading. We will use Phonic Bugs books in our Group Reading. We will build up our sight vocabulary of high frequency words which we will practice every day and have a set of flashcards to use at home as part of our Homework tasks. We will complete Phase 2 Letters and Sounds and begin Phase 3.

Literacy - Writing. This term the children will continue to learn how to form letters correctly. Some children will need to practise by overwriting. Some children will be attempting to write by themselves using writing supports such as letter cards and word banks. We will write labels, captions and simple sentences. We will have an opportunity to write by ourselves in child led learning and a "have a go to write by myself" session once a week.

Mathematics - Number. We will be ordering, counting and comparing numbers. We will be solving simple number problems and thinking how we can record what we know about numbers and simple problems. We will be adding and taking away. We will use everyday activities to practise counting and calculating, adding and taking away. We will use games, puzzles and jigsaws to develop number concepts.

Mathematics – Shape, space and measure. We will play with shapes and make patterns. We will learn to recognise and name some 2D and 3D shapes. We will learn to describe shape using everyday and mathematical language. We will use positional language correctly. We will explore length and weight .We will explore mass and capacity through structured play activities in sand and water play.

Understanding the World – Science. We will learn about Forces and Motion.

Understanding the World – People and Communities. We will continue to learn about the people in our community who help us. We will also learn how other communities live exploring Chinese culture by celebrating Chinese New Year

Expressive arts and design. The children will have the opportunity to explore using different media to represent their own ideas, thoughts and feelings through design and technology, art, music, dance, role play and stories. We will make a stick puppet and use to make our own puppet show.

