

Reception Newsletter – Spring 2

Welcome

Welcome to Spring 2. Our topic this half term is called 'A Trip to Africa'. We will be learning about Africa, looking and comparing environments, the people and animals.

Phonics

We are moving forward with our phonics and reading. The children are becoming more confident with their letter sounds and blending of words. We are working within Phase 3 of phonics, and reinforcing the children's phonological knowledge and awareness which in turn supports their writing.

Phonics

Literacy

The children are still writing Pop (ask you child about Pop) sentences every morning, this is to encourage use of their phonic knowledge and develop their independence in writing. We will be doing lots of writing based around Africa, stories and their characters. Children will be encouraged to read simple phrases and sentences. Forming lower case and capital letters.



Maths

Within our maths sessions the children continue to build upon their number knowledge, practice counting backwards and forwards from 10. We have been learning number bonds within 10 and this will continue to increase to 20. The children now understand doubling, odd and even numbers. We will be looking more closely at the concept of time and prepositions.

Communication and language

We will continue to encourage the children to listen and make comments about their learning.

Also encourage them to express their ideas and feelings using full understandable sentences.



Personal, social and emotional development

We will continue to support the children to make positive relationships with both their peers and the adults in Rabbits class. The children will continue to develop an understanding of the school rules as well as the class rules. We will continue to encourage independence.



Physical development

We will continue to provide activities to further develop the children's fine motor skills which in turn will help with their letter formation. The children will continue to take part in our PE sessions on a Thursday and Friday.



Understanding the world

Our topic 'A Trip to Africa' will give the children a greater understanding of the differences between their own country, environment and cultures to that of a child in Africa. They will learn about the different animals and the habitats they live in. We will be ending the half term with a trip to Twycross Zoo, a great opportunity to see some of the African animals.

Helping your child learn at home

Continue to support your child to be independent, putting on and taking off their own coats and shoes.

Support your child with their reading on a regular basis, and encourage the love of reading.

Encourage your child to write their name independently.

Encourage correct letter formation especially the letters within their names.

Support your children to recognise, sort and count numbers confidently 0-10.



Skills Builder

The Skills Builder Universal Framework provides a common language for building essential skills with children and young people.

Research shows that building essential skills supports social and emotional wellbeing, learning and academic outcomes and careers and opportunities



Rewards

The children will receive 'Dojo Points' as reward for good behaviour, work and attitude. Points can be 'spent' on prizes periodically.



Class information

Class Teacher: Mrs Duff

Teaching Assistants: Miss Porch and Mrs Richards

Please discourage your children from bringing their own toys to school.
In order to keep books and letters in good condition we ask that all children bring a bag to school every day.

Please remember to name your child's school jumper or cardigan.
Please remember to send in book bags especially on a Friday so the children can have their reading books changed this is vitally important.

We request that all children bring a named water bottle to school every day.

Please remember if you are making your child a packed lunch, we ask you not to put anything in that contains nuts.

Dates for the diary!



Spring 2

Monday 26th February – School reopens to pupil

Thursday 7th March – World Book Day

Tuesday 12th March- Parents Evening; 4-7pm

Wednesday 13th March- Parents Evening; 3.30-6pm

Friday 15th March – Red Nose day – tbc

Tuesday 26th March – Twycross Zoo trip

Thursday 28th March – school closes for Easter

