

Dear Parents and Carers,

We can't believe we are in the final term of our first year at school and we plan to finish it in style! We have lots of exciting things planned for the summer term that we would like to share with you.

Literacy

Writing

Our key texts for this half term are 'The Little Red Hen' and books based around a seaside theme such as 'Pirates Love Underpants' and 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch'. The children will be creating story maps for the stories and learning to retell them by heart. After this they will begin writing words and sentences from the stories. They will write explanation sentences describing the life-cycle of a chicken, joining sentences together using conjunctions and beginning to write their very own stories. The aim for the children for this term in writing is to achieve the following statements.

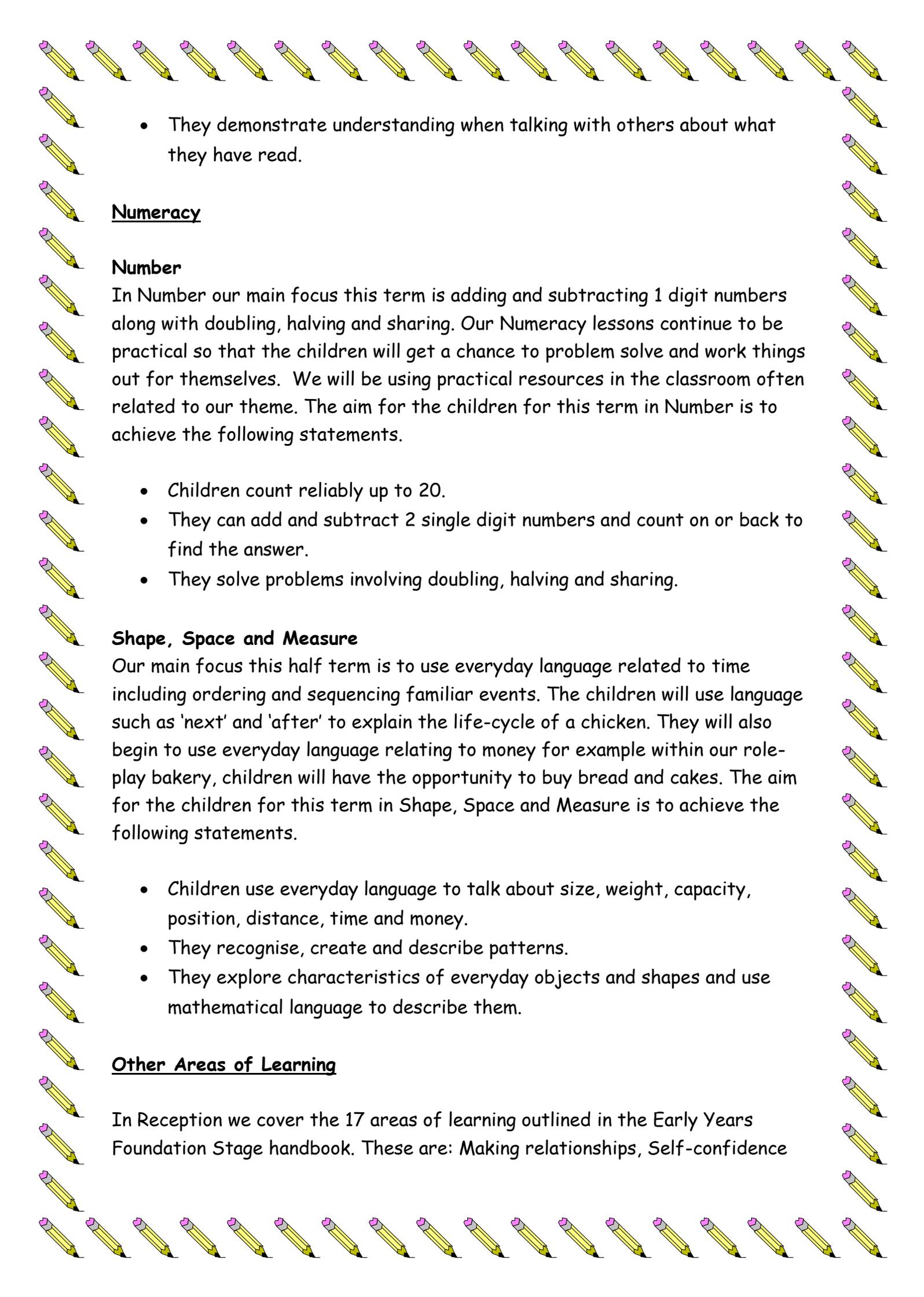
- They can use their phonic knowledge to write words in ways which match their spoken sounds.
- They can write some irregular common words.
- They can write simple sentences which can be read by themselves and others.
- Words are correctly spelt or phonetically plausible.

Please remember that we teach children to write phonetically at this stage so do not be too disheartened if you are struggling to read your child's writing. We use 'Fred Fingers' in school to help us write words.

Reading

We have a Read Write Inc phonics lesson most days and your child will be taught to read phonetically plausible words by sounding them out (we refer to this in school as 'Fred talking'). The aim for the children for this term in reading is to achieve the following statements.

- Read and understand simple sentences.
- They use phonic knowledge to decode regular words and read them accurately.
- They read some common irregular words.

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- They demonstrate understanding when talking with others about what they have read.

Numeracy

Number

In Number our main focus this term is adding and subtracting 1 digit numbers along with doubling, halving and sharing. Our Numeracy lessons continue to be practical so that the children will get a chance to problem solve and work things out for themselves. We will be using practical resources in the classroom often related to our theme. The aim for the children for this term in Number is to achieve the following statements.

- Children count reliably up to 20.
- They can add and subtract 2 single digit numbers and count on or back to find the answer.
- They solve problems involving doubling, halving and sharing.

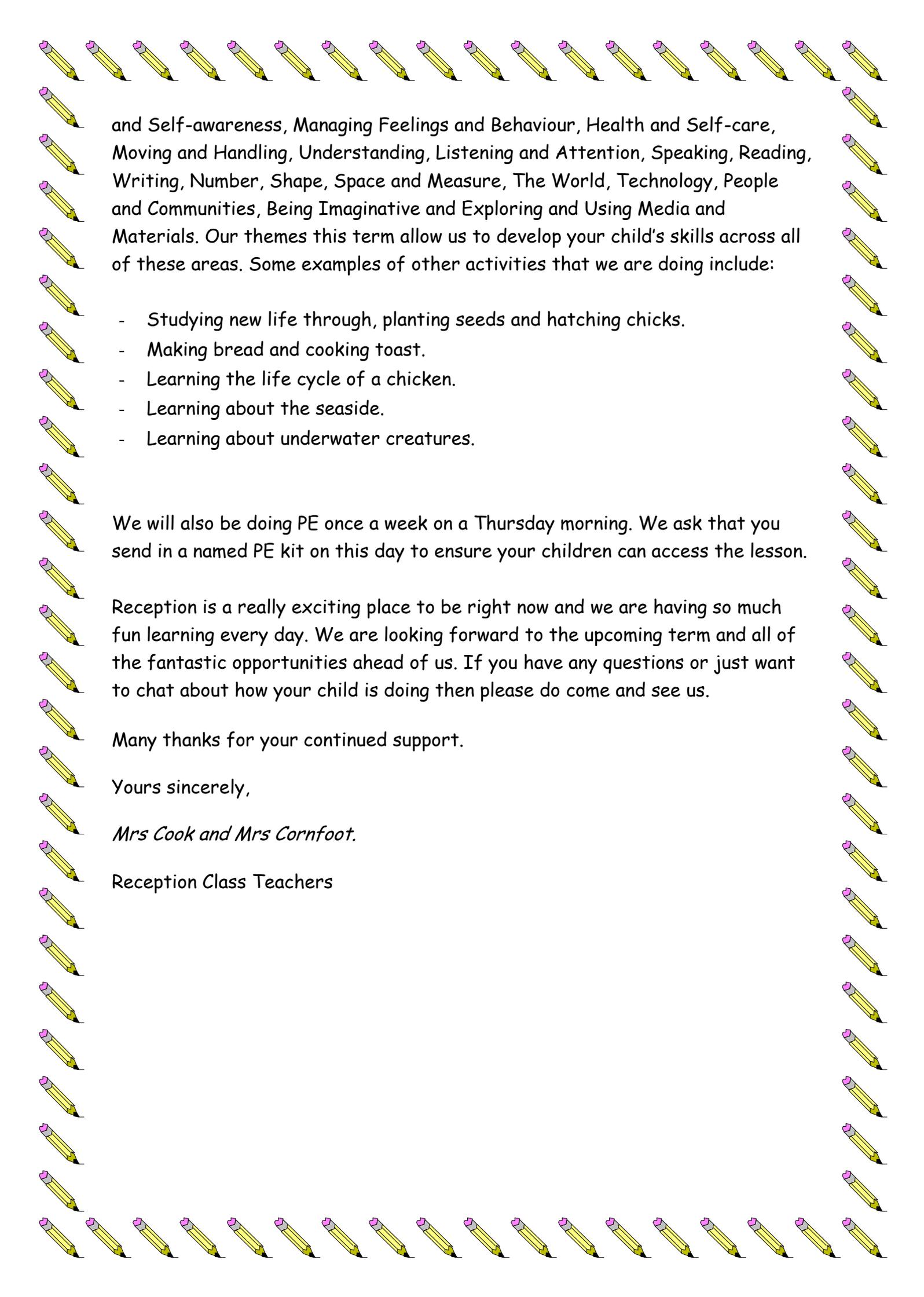
Shape, Space and Measure

Our main focus this half term is to use everyday language related to time including ordering and sequencing familiar events. The children will use language such as 'next' and 'after' to explain the life-cycle of a chicken. They will also begin to use everyday language relating to money for example within our role-play bakery, children will have the opportunity to buy bread and cakes. The aim for the children for this term in Shape, Space and Measure is to achieve the following statements.

- Children use everyday language to talk about size, weight, capacity, position, distance, time and money.
- They recognise, create and describe patterns.
- They explore characteristics of everyday objects and shapes and use mathematical language to describe them.

Other Areas of Learning

In Reception we cover the 17 areas of learning outlined in the Early Years Foundation Stage handbook. These are: Making relationships, Self-confidence



and Self-awareness, Managing Feelings and Behaviour, Health and Self-care, Moving and Handling, Understanding, Listening and Attention, Speaking, Reading, Writing, Number, Shape, Space and Measure, The World, Technology, People and Communities, Being Imaginative and Exploring and Using Media and Materials. Our themes this term allow us to develop your child's skills across all of these areas. Some examples of other activities that we are doing include:

- Studying new life through, planting seeds and hatching chicks.
- Making bread and cooking toast.
- Learning the life cycle of a chicken.
- Learning about the seaside.
- Learning about underwater creatures.

We will also be doing PE once a week on a Thursday morning. We ask that you send in a named PE kit on this day to ensure your children can access the lesson.

Reception is a really exciting place to be right now and we are having so much fun learning every day. We are looking forward to the upcoming term and all of the fantastic opportunities ahead of us. If you have any questions or just want to chat about how your child is doing then please do come and see us.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Cook and Mrs Cornfoot.

Reception Class Teachers