



Reception Year

Terms 3 and 4

Topic: Homes and Buildings

Happy New Year, and welcome back to school. We hope your child will continue to enjoy their learning and show real progress this year. The following is a taster of the work your child will be covering in the seven areas of learning and development.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Your child will be learning about relationships and feelings, learning to help each other and share their experiences. As part of the whole school, your child will also be learning about our existing school values, and thinking about values that are important to them.

Communication and Language

The children will be listening to stories related to our topic of homes and buildings which will include 'Hansel and Gretel' and 'The Three Little Pigs', 'Goldilocks and the three bears'. They will be encouraged to anticipate key events, responding to what they hear with relevant comments, questions or actions. In our role play areas they will be given the opportunity to use language and vocabulary related to our topic and to storytelling.

Physical Development

Your child will be taking part in various dance, gymnastic and games activities. Key skills will include travelling over and along apparatus, climbing and balancing, throwing, catching and kicking using various sized balls.

Although our hall times are on Monday, Wednesday and Friday we often use the outside area for P.E. activities so please make sure your child's P.E. kit (including plimsolls) is in school every day.

Literacy (reading and writing)

Your child will continue to work on set one sounds and will be introduced to set two sounds (Read Write Inc.). They will also be encouraged to use this knowledge to begin sounding out and writing simple regular words. Their writing activities will be based on the books we will be reading as part of our topic. During guided reading your child will experience a range of books from the Read, Write Inc. scheme and will be taught to read using a variety of reading strategies. Home reading books are changed on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday (time permitting) but please make sure their reading folder is in school every day.

Set two sounds: ay, ee, igh, ow, oo, oo, ar, or, air, ir, ou, oy

Mathematical Development

The main focus for the next two terms will involve recognising, counting (in 2s and 10s), ordering, adding and subtracting numbers to twenty. Your child will also learn about money, weight, capacity, shapes, patterns and symmetry.

Understanding the World (People & communities, The world, Technology)

This work will be based on the topic 'Homes and Buildings'. Your child will be learning about the village of Roade and the variety of buildings within it, looking at different types of materials that buildings are made from. We hope to make visits to some of the local buildings, such as the library and post office and find out what the people in the buildings do. We will also look at their journey to school and make 2D and 3D maps.

In cooking, your child will be making gingerbread houses linking to the story of Hansel and Gretel. We will be learning about various celebrations including Chinese New Year, Eid and Sukkot.

By using the computers, I-pads and their various programs and apps your child will continue to develop their keyboard and mouse skills. They will also be taught how to use the programmable toys (Beebots) for a particular purpose.

Expressive Arts and Design

Your child will be given the opportunity to further develop their drawing, painting and making skills relating to the topic, or their own ideas and interests. This will include experimenting with a variety of materials in two and three dimensions.

In music, your child will be learning to sing whilst playing various percussion instruments and to identify changes in pitch.

Homework

Homework is usually given out on a Wednesday, to be handed in the following Wednesday and will consist of a maths or literacy activity sheet linked to class lessons or work related to our topic. (You will find this work in their book bag each week). As well as their weekly homework you will find a small sound practice book in their reading folder.

Reading - daily practice with an adult or other competent reader is essential at this stage in their learning, and sharing a book with your child each day will help their reading and comprehension skills enormously.

If you have any questions, worries or concerns please feel free to come and speak to us. Mrs Roff & Mrs Cosgrove