

Helping at home

Look at loose change and identify the coins.

Continue to spell the words in the homework task and practice reading keywords.

Talk about time in simple forms (sequencing events using language such as tomorrow, yesterday, next/last week)

Practise counting in steps of 2, 5 and 10.

**Websites for a few ideas:**

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/3-5-years/counting>

<http://www.ictgames.com/fallingPhonics/onlineVersion/>

Continue to fill in your home learning 'Shout outs!'

We love celebrating these in class. More sheets are available from the noticeboard outside our classrooms.

We are enjoying our lovely Spring flowers in the Reception Class Garden and will soon be busy planting our summer plants and vegetables. If you have any spare summer compost, bedding plants or vegetables please hand them into your child's class teacher and the children will enjoy watching them grow.



Dates for your Diary:

Any day from 2.45 onwards- Story Time Drop Ins:

We have just finished our incredible Traditional Tales topic and are about to begin our new topic which is again based around books. We have tried to link all of our topics this year around texts or films as our children just love stories!!

With this in mind we would like to invite in any budding 'Story Tellers' (aka Mums, Dads, Grandmas, Grandads, Aunts, Uncles... the list is endless). If you would like to come in to read and share your favourite short children's story to the class (or a group of children) please come and speak to Miss White or Mr Russell so that we can arrange a suitable day.

After the success of our 'Dinosaur Workshop' this half term in place of our assembly we will be running a Parent and Child Maths Workshop (more details to follow)

**RW— Friday 18th May Parent and child Maths workshop**

**RR— Friday 25th May Parent and child Maths workshop**

We will hold our Reception Celebration assembly after half term.



# Cooper and Jordan

*Where light shines!*



## Reception Information Booklet

**Reception Staff:**

**RW: Miss White and Mrs Turner**

**RR: Mr Russell and Mrs Caddick**



Weekly information

Please bring in the following things on these days:

**Monday:**

Home reading book bags, 'Fred' time phonic books and homework books all to be returned to school please.

PE kits for both classes.

**Tuesday:** PE kit for RR and Swimming kit for RW

**Wednesday:** PE kit for RW and Swimming kit for RR.

We will send home reading book bags on a Wednesday for you to read at home.



Hot Weather—As we have now entered the Summer Term, we would like to remind you about sun safety. We will be enjoying the outdoor classroom in the Reception gardens daily. Therefore, please bring a named cap and water bottle. Children will be able to access the taps to refill their bottle as they wish. Sun cream must be applied by parents before the school day.



This half term we are looking at Food from around the world and will be tasting many different fruits. Please advise your class teacher if your child has any allergies or if there are any fruits you would prefer them not to try.



Communication and Language:

This half term we will be reading a mixture of fiction and non-fiction books to help us to find out about different places around the world and how to stay fit and healthy. In Circle Time, we will be growing in confidence to talk in groups and to the entire class.

We will be using past, present and future tense when speaking to show understanding of when events have happened and to sequence them correctly.

Literacy:

In Literacy, your child will continue to have their daily phonics 'Fred' group time where they will develop their reading and writing skills. We will be continuing our weekly keyword spelling tests via the Homework Book. Please continue to read keywords and put a note in your child's reading diary or link book should you require the next sheet ( **there are 9 sheets in total** )

In class, we will be writing letters to Africa for Handa, creating fact files about different countries and locations, and designing menus and posters to explain how to keep fit and healthy.

Mathematics:

In Maths, we will be looking at money and how to pay for Handa's fruits from a fruit shop. We will be identifying coins and notes. We will also be reviewing time—putting events in order and beginning to measure short periods of time. For example, how many star jumps can you do in one minute?



We will be looking at halving and doubling of amounts and shapes.

We will be weighing Handa's fruit, identifying the heaviest and lightest and seeing how many cubes each one weighs.

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Topics this term:

Your child will be learning all about



'Keeping Healthy'

and

'Around the World'



Personal, Social and Emotional Development:

In Circle Time, we will be having discussions and taking into account everyone's opinions. We will be playing lots of group games to work as a team to complete the task. We will be encouraging each other to try out new challenges.



Understanding the World:

This half term, your child will be looking at different places around the world. We will start by looking at Africa and reading Handa's Surprise! Next we will be visiting the Rainforests and jungles around the world. We will be finding out where each location is on a world map and investigating how each place is similar and different to where we live. We will then move onto our next mini topic where we will be looking at how our body works and how we can keep ourselves fit and healthy.



Physical Development:

This half term we will be looking at different ways of exercising. We will be looking at what happens to our bodies after we have been running. We will be taking part in the 'Daily Mile' initiative around the playground. In PE, we will be starting games skills. We will also be introducing a weekly handwriting session to perfect letter and number formation.

Expressive Arts and Design:

We will be learning songs about the body, and creating musical performances using the African drums. In our role play areas, we will act as characters from the 'Funny bones' family. We will be creating our own print patterns using fruit and vegetables.

