

# Reception Spring 1 Newsletter



## Communication and Language

We believe that communication is very important in Reception so we strive to build up confidence and self-esteem. Please use your child's online learning journal 'Tapestry' to share with us any news. This will enable us to allow your child to share their news with the rest of the class.

## Literacy

Our main story this half term is 'We're going on a bear hunt.' We are going to enjoy and share this story before creating our own 'We're going on a polar bear hunt.' Look out for this on Tapestry!



## Physical Development

The children will complete 2 sessions a week, one with Mrs Jennings and the other with our PE coach Mr Fenton. One of the sessions will focus on the children's gross motor skills and help them to develop their fine motor skills. The other session will include gymnastics.



## Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We want the children to be confident to try new activities and select their own resources.

We will play a variety of games that will promote taking turns and playing co-operatively.

## Understanding the World

We are continuing our topic about Winter and hopefully we will see some snow to enhance this further!

We are going to look at animals that live in cold countries and their habitats.

## Phonics

The children have now been taught the 26 phonemes of the alphabet, as well as the digraphs sh, th, ch, ng, qu and nk. We are practising reading and writing cvc and cvcc/cvc words and forming simple sentences. The children will continue to learn red words (words that can not be decoded).

## Numeracy

Children will continue to practise numbers to 20. It is very important that your child can recognise, write, order and find 1 more/1 less for numbers to 20.

We will also be looking at measurements and comparing sizes, using the language larger and smaller.

## Expressive Art and Design

Most of our art work will focus around our polar animals and regions. The children will also learn a number of songs and rhymes to fit with our topic.

## Homework/Reading books

Your child will continue to bring home a reading book each week. Please return this each Wednesday. We also send new sounds as we learn them. Please continue to practise all the sounds your child has previously brought home. Spelling Shed will continue to be available. Please add any photographs or news that your child can share with the class onto their Tapestry learning journal.

**Parent's are invited to our Open Session on 08/2/19 3-3.30pm. You will have the opportunity to look through your child's Learning Journal**