



Curriculum Letter

Reception

Half Term	Spring 2
Teachers	Mr Young and Miss Rickerby

Middleton St Mary's CE (VC) Primary School



Dear Parents and Carers,

This curriculum letter lets you know what your child will be learning this half term.

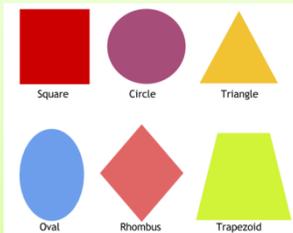
If you have any questions about what your child is learning or you would like to look at their work, you are very welcome to come in to school and speak to your child's class teacher.

Theme Title	Are we there yet?
Maths	<p>This half term we will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working with numbers from 1-10. Ordering, adding, subtracting and partitioning numbers. Doubling and Halving in practical situations
English	<p>This half term we will be focusing on three key stories: 'Duck in a Truck', 'The Train Ride' and 'Up! Up! Up!', we will also look at a number of Non-fiction books about vehicles, transport and journeys. Highlighting key features of these non-fiction texts.</p> <p>We will continue to learn to read and write predominantly through our daily phonics which we do in small groups. We also write regularly in our writing books and help to write stories through 'story scribing'.</p>
Topic Work	<p>This half term's theme is 'Are we there yet?'. We will be looking at a variety of vehicles, naming them and talking about their features and capabilities. We will be talking about children's own experiences of vehicles and travelling and getting them to recount any holidays and journeys that they have been on. We will also be looking at maps and making some of our own maps.</p>
Understanding the World	<p>This half term we will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beginning to plant a few vegetables, plants and shrubs in the outdoor area and thinking about what they need (this will be a bigger focus the following half term) Looking at various signs of Spring and observing these changes.
Religious Education	<p>We will be thinking about 'What makes a good helper' by looking at rules we have at home and at school, what being helpful means and who we can help.</p>
<p>Please ensure your child is appropriately dressed as we often spend time learning outside – whatever the weather!</p> <p>We have aprons and overalls for children to wear however the nature of Reception means that children will sometimes get paint, glue or mud on their clothing. We know this can be frustrating for parents as it requires extra washing however these experiences at this early stage of their lives are an important part of their development. Please put a spare set of clothes on your child's peg so that they can get changed if necessary.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Please turn over to see how you can help your child at home this half term...</p>	

How you can help your child at home this half term...

Maths

Shapes and patterns



Can they name common shapes and describe them using words like 'side', 'corner', 'curved', and 'straight'?

Can they copy or create a simple repeating pattern?

One more and one less



Can they say the number that is one more or one less? Ask them for one more can of baked beans when shopping – 'how many will we have now?'

Partitioning

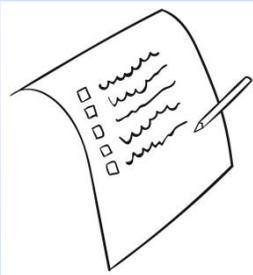


How many different ways can they partition a number?

e.g. If they have 6 toy cars, it can be partitioned into 4 and 2, or 5 and 1 or 3 and 3 etc.

English

Writing for a purpose



Get your child to write a shopping list or a thank you card. Remember to praise their effort – whatever it looks like.

Reading Stories



Read a bedtime story every night and talk about the story afterwards. Which was their favourite part? Why? How did the characters feel at various points? What happened first?

School book



Please read with your child as frequently as possible and record this in their Reading Diary. If you want an extra book in their book bag, just ask. Thank you.