

PARENTAL INFORMATION BOOKLET



CURRICULUM PLANNING RECEPTION Summer Term 2017



INVESTORS IN PUPILS



Our topic for the term

This term we will be learning about the farm and different environments

PERSONAL, SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The children will be thinking about how we care for things both at home and in the environment, including their classroom.

We will be reinforcing the importance of personal hygiene and dressing independently. We will also have a focus on eating healthily.

As an Investors in Pupils school, other activities will include turn-taking and sharing and working towards our class mission statement and targets.

The children will be encouraged to complete more independent work in the run up to Year 1.

They will be getting ready for their new Year 1 class through sharing playtimes and assemblies with the children in KS1. This is an important time and children may want to discuss this with you. Please see a member of staff if you have any concerns.

COMMUNICATION AND LANGUAGE

We will be continuing to work hard on the development of speaking and listening skills through a range of different activities. The children will be encouraged to speak in partners and share their ideas in small and large groups. They will be expected to follow more complex instructions through games and activities.

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

We will continue to use a variety of tools and equipment- encouraging correct and safe use. We will be playing outdoors much more as the weather improves. Please make sure that on sunny and hot days the children have sun cream on before they come to school, or send in a labelled bottle. In PE the children will be developing their skills ready for sports day. They will also begin to show better control and coordination.

MATHEMATICAL DEVELOPMENT

The children will continue to become familiar with the numbers 1-20 and beyond through a variety of activities. The children will be learning how to add and subtract using a number line and will be looking at number patterns and number bonds through practical work. They will also be thinking about describing a range of different shapes using the correct mathematical language including 3D shapes.. The children will be experimenting with weight, capacity, position and length. The children will also learn continue their learning around money and time.

LITERACY

We will continue to encourage a love of books through reading stories like “A Squash and a Squeeze” and “The Hungry Caterpillar”.

The children will continue to develop an understanding of the written word through:

- * Writing simple sentences.
- * Reading and writing short words ie cat, mat, fish and also more complex words.
- * Reading on sight a range of familiar words e.g. children’s names, captions, labels and words from favourite books
- * Continuing to read on sight key words.

Please ask a member of staff if you would like some resources to use at home to promote your child’s reading and writing.

KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING

We will be thinking about the settings from our different stories, comparing different environments. We will also be finding out about the different animals from our stories and looking at where they live. The children will continue to visit the ICT suite and also use the tablets in class. The children will visit Manor Heath Park and hopefully have a visit from a farm.

EXPRESSIVE ARTS AND DESIGN

We will be being creative by introducing a variety of painting and craft activities connected with the ongoing topic e.g. printing, bubble painting, marbling. We will be looking at the different textures of animals and exploring how we can make them.

We will continue to learn new songs about our topic and the children will be encouraged to use the music area to create different sounds.

Reminders:

- * Snack is 20p per day in Reception or £1 for the whole week. Please make sure this is sent in a labelled envelope otherwise we cannot keep track of who has paid.
- * Please remember that our P.E. day is Wednesday and that your child needs the appropriate kit in school. All of their PE kit and uniform needs to be labelled.

PARTS PARENTS CAN PLAY

It is important that you read with your child for at least 10 minutes a day as regular reading practice is vital to help your child progress in their reading. You can also help your child by:

- Encouraging them to practise writing their name using the correct letter formation.
- Reading common words and finding them in their reading books and on their word walls.
- Continue counting and number recognition games at home.
- Encourage children to read print in the environment e.g. at the supermarket.
- If you have any skills, books or artefacts relating to the above topics please share them with us. If you would like to help in school baking, sewing, painting, hearing readers then please let us know.

DATES TO NOTE

Monday 24 th April	School Opens
Monday 1 st May	School Closed for May Day
Tuesday 2 nd May	Chicks arrive in Foundation stage
Thursday 11 th May	Bikeability (letter to follow)
Friday 12 th May	Stay and play
Thursday 25 th May	School closes for half term
Friday 26 th May	Training day – school closed
Monday 5 th June	School opens
Monday 5 th June	Money week
Tuesday 20 th June	Stay and Play
Friday 7 th July	Transition day
Thursday 13 th July	Open day
Monday 17 th July	Sports day for Reception andKS1
Wednesday 19 th July	Foundation Stage Parties.
Friday 21 st July	School closes for the summer holiday

We are also planning a trip to Manor Heath before half term but a letter will be sent about this nearer the time.

We trust that you find this information useful. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

PLANNING TEAM

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