

# Reception Newsletter

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**Rabbit Class teacher:** Ms Sharma (Year Leader), Mrs Hussain & Mrs Sikandari

**Hamster Class teacher:** Miss Fernando, Mrs Mullane & Miss Ahmed

Welcome back, we hope you have had a wonderful time with your families over half term. The children have had some well deserved rest and now they should be ready to start their final half term in Year R. 'At the Beach' will be the focus text for this half term. The children will be learning all about the seaside and use their literacy skills to write postcards and poems. We will be doing lots of activities outside which will allow the children to use the skills they have developed over the year in Reception.

## Phonics

The children have been taught all phase 2 and phase 3 sounds and tricky words. Most children are now able to apply this to segment and blend to read words.

- We will continue re-capping phase 2 and 3 sounds and tricky words in our phonics lesson.
- This half term we will be teaching phase 4 and introducing new tricky words.
- Please ensure you read with your child at home using the word boxes and reading books.

## Understanding the world

This half term the children will be learning about the similarities and differences between where they live and the seaside. They will learn how to talk about the different features in the environment and how they vary.

We will also look at the different animals and plants you might find at the beach or in the sea.

## Religious education

- Children will be taught following the Luton agreed syllabus where they will start talking about places that are special to them. They will learn about holy places for Muslims and Christians and look at similarities and differences between the holy buildings.

## Literacy

In Reception we will be continuing Talk for Writing and using it to teach non-fiction writing. The children will be learning about postcards. They will learn about the main features of a postcard and how to write a postcard. The children will apply their phonics knowledge to do this.

This half term we will continue to develop handwriting and formation of letters and numbers. Please practise this at home as it is essential that children's writing is legible in order for them to meet the expected level by the end of the year.

## Expressive Art and Design

The children will be learning how to use their imagination and creativity to create using different media.

## Maths

The children are becoming more secure in addition and subtraction. Our main focus will now be on numbers from 0-20 to meet the expected level. The children will learn to count on and back to find answers to problems. We will also be teaching capacity, weight and length.

## Personal, Social and Emotional development

We will be learning how to talk about why we have chosen a particular resource and say when we do or don't need help.



**'At the Beach'**

## Communication and Language

This area of learning continues to be a big focus. There will be key words for children to learn linked to our topic to broaden their vocabulary. The main focus will be teaching children how to ask questions.

## Homework

### Word boxes

These are a set of words that children practise reading at home. Once they are able to read all the words, teachers will check and give the child the next set. This will support children's reading.

### Reading books

Children will have a reading book sent home in their red book bags. These books might be picture books where children are required to use the pictures to tell the story. Some books will have simple words for children to read by segmenting the sounds and blending them to read. Parents and families can make a comment in the reading record to show that the child has read at home. We encourage parent to comment to celebrate how often children are reading.

Important dates (details will be confirmed at a later date)

- **Tuesdays are parent reading mornings from 8.40-9.00**
- **Sports Week 24th-28th June**