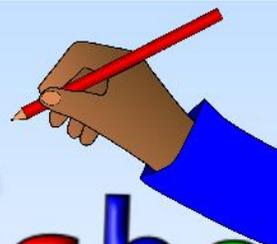


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Reception Newsletter
Spring 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

A very Happy New Year to everyone and welcome to the Spring Term in Reception!

Toys

The children have been very excited to begin our topic on toys by bringing in a favourite toy from home which they will be drawing and writing about for our display. Be prepared to answer a short questionnaire about toys you enjoyed playing with as a child and questions about the past in the coming weeks. We will also be looking at and making puppets. Other themes we will be covering in the Spring Term are **planting and growing** and **traditional stories**. If these topics change I will inform you in our weekly blog or by letter.

Areas of Learning

Personal and Emotional Development

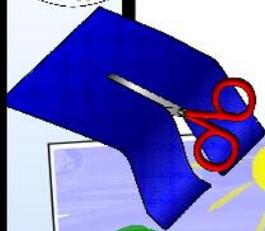
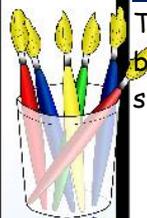
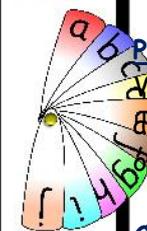
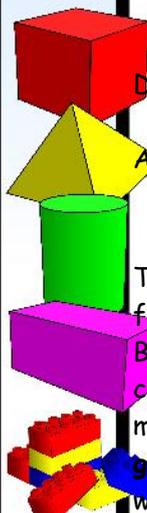
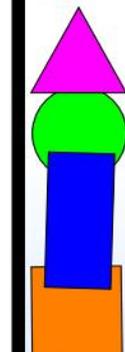
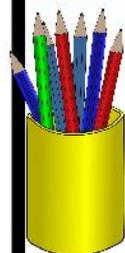
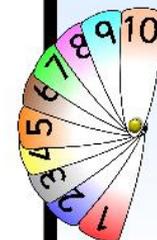
We will continue to encourage children to talk to others about their work, attend to and take account of what others say, explain their own knowledge and understanding of the topics we are covering and encourage children to ask questions of each other.

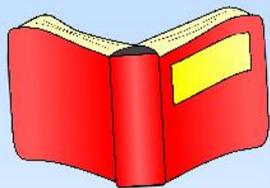
Communication and Language

Through our work on traditional stories we will encourage children to follow a story without pictures or props and then encourage the children to introduce a storyline or narrative into their play by acting out the stories they have been learning about. We will be reading traditional stories such as 'Little Red Riding Hood' and 'The Ginger Bread Man'.

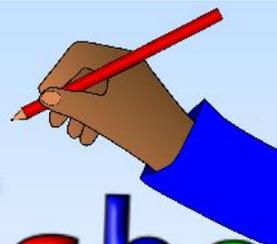
Physical Development

The children will continue to have P.E with Mrs Cook on Thursday morning. They have been working on different ways of moving and will go on to develop small apparatus skills with balls and bean bags etc.





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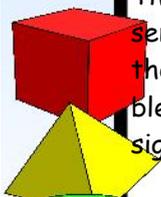


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Literacy

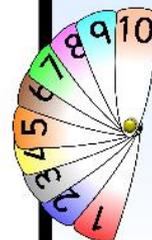
Through our topic on traditional stories the children will be writing labels, captions, sentences and their own stories by applying the knowledge they have been gaining in their daily phonics and literacy lessons. The children will continue to sound out and blend words together ie. ch - i - p is 'chip' and they will also learn to read words by sight without sounding out ie. 'the'.

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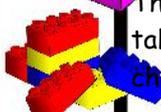
Maths

In maths we will be focussing on practical/mental addition and subtraction and problem solving related to our topic work as well as work on measurement.



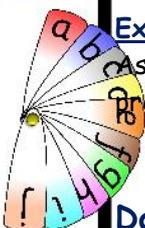
Understanding the World

Through our work on planting and growing we will observe and record the changes that take place. We hope to grow such things as potatoes and other vegetables which the children will be able to cook and eat in the Summer term.



Expressive Arts and Design

As well as role playing different stories, we will also be using different materials to produce different kinds of art work and making puppets.



Dates for your Diary

Friday 12th February - Teacher Training Day (school closed)

Monday 15th - Friday 19th February - Half Term

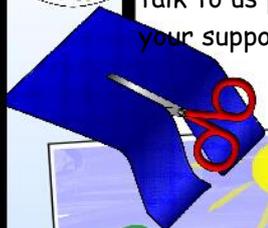
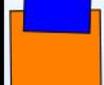
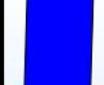
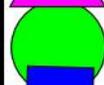
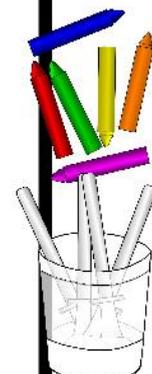
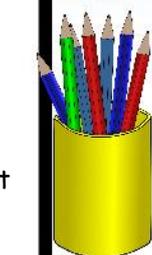
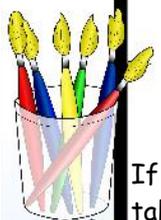
Saturday 26th March - Sunday 10th April: Easter Holiday

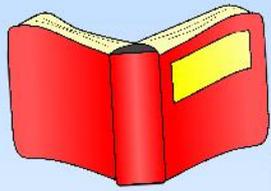


Reminders

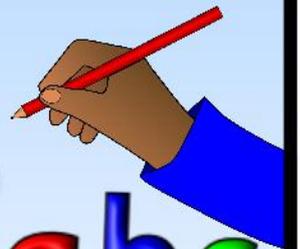
- We will continue to put out our pencil pot for £1 donations every week. So far we have bought compost, Spring bulbs, plant pots, items for creative work and a small Ikea circus tent with the money you have donated - thank you.
- The cold weather has arrived so could the children please come to school with named hats, scarves and gloves.

If you have anything you would like to discuss with us please feel free to come and talk to us preferably at the end of the day. We would like to thank you in advance for your support and cooperation, and very much look forward to the Spring Term





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Miss Burns and Mrs Atwal

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