



CLASS RK- RECEPTION

Our topic for this half term will be: **Let's Explore!**

In addition, the children will continue their learning independently through play activities which will reflect their interests and learning needs, and we may adapt topics to cater for children's interests.

Communication/ Language

We will be engaging in circle time daily, encouraging the children to talk about their likes and dislikes, and things they have been doing. We will be encouraging the children to develop vocabulary through 'Talk through stories'.

Mathematics

In Maths this half term we are focusing on numbers to 10. We are looking at subitising, composition of number and the formation of these. We will also be exploring length, height and starting to look at time.

You can support your children at home by looking at a clock with them at key times in the day such as breakfast, tea and bedtime.

Understanding the World

We will be continuing our Forest school sessions on a Thursday afternoon, we are also hoping to start letting children have access to this area at other times over the week, so please ensure they have wellies. These will move to a Friday after Spring half term

Reading books

We will continue to send reading books home on a Monday, to be returned on a Friday. At first these will be simple sound books and then they will progress onto blending books. Later in the school year they will begin to bring home 'proper' reading books. We will send home a library book for you to share and enjoy over the weekend, to be returned on a Monday.

We will leave a basket under the canopy outside for books to be placed in each Monday/Friday.

PSED

Our Jigsaw topic for this half term is 'Dreams and Goals'.

During Jigsaw lessons we will promote mindfulness and develop pupils' well-being. We will work on developing good relationships with friends, encouraging kindness and respect (two of our key Christian values).

Physical development

We will be starting our PE sessions the first Thursday back after Spring half term. These will then be every Thursday afternoon going forward. Please ensure your child has a P.E. kit with them - plain red shorts and white t-shirt.

Literacy

Our focus texts for this half term are the stories- 'My Monster and Me', 'Perfectly Norman' and 'Ruby's Worry' and we will be exploring our emotions with the help of these beautiful stories. We will be completing tasks in relation to them and learning the vocabulary.

We will be continuing our journey on the 'Read, Write Inc' Phonics programme, learning our new letter sounds, including some 'special friends'

When we learn a sound we will be learning what it looks like, how we say it and also having a go at writing each one. We will also be learning how to blend sounds together to hear words with the help of Fred the frog. We call this 'Fred talk'.

R.E.

We will be looking at bible stories about Jesus and when he was growing up.

Expressive Arts

We will be creating winter artwork using a variety of different media. We will also be creating painting that display different emotions and talking about how different colours and music makes us feel different things.

Thank you!

Any voluntary contributions of 50p per week would be greatly appreciated. This money is used to buy resources such as play dough or baking ingredients. Thank you in advance!

Important messages

- Please make sure you write your child's name in all clothing items including shoes.
- Please ensure your child has appropriate outerwear, as we will still be learning outside.