

Reception Class – Spring 1 Newsletter

Dear Parents,



Our topic this term will be ‘People Who Help Us!’

In **Literacy**, children will enjoy listening to fictional and non-fictional texts about our topic. This topic will help develop children’s knowledge and understanding of different emergency services. We will discuss how they help us and the role they play in our community.

In **Phonics**, children will continue to practise recognising, blending and segmenting sounds within words. Some children will begin to write words, captions and sentences using their phonic knowledge. Please continue to practise recognising and writing sounds within their ‘sound booklet’. *Your child will receive their **new Phase 3 Sound Booklet** on Monday 21st January.*

Library and Story sacks: Library books are changed on **Tuesday** with Mrs Camp. Story sacks are available to be borrow for 1 week. Collect your 12 star stickers on your library card and receive a Reading prize.

In **Mathematics**, children will continue to focus on numbers 0-20 (some children will be working beyond 20). They will further develop their mathematical knowledge and understanding in Shape, Space and Measure. Children will learn about 3D shapes, capacity and time.

Physical Development: PE days: Thursday and Friday. This half term’s focus is **Gymnastics and Dance.**

Understanding of the World (UW):

The World (Science): This half term we will be learning about ‘Being Healthy’. Children will discuss how the emergency services need to be fit and healthy to carry out their job effectively. Children will learn about healthy foods, exercise and self-hygiene.



PSE/People and Communities (Geography/History/RE): Children will also be talking about who is special to them and why. They will talk about how their parents and carers help them and what they do to help others. Over the next few weeks the children will have the opportunity to talk to the wider community e.g. fire-fighters, a nurse, lolly-pop lady, and discuss their job and how they help the community.



Themed Week: We will also be celebrating Chinese New Year the week commencing 4th February. The children will enjoy listening to the Chinese New Year story. We will take a closer look at the Chinese culture through art, drama and song. We will also have a chance to make and try some Chinese food. Children will be encouraged to compare this celebration with their own personal life experiences.



Technology (ICT): Children will continue to develop their ICT skills and have opportunities to use computers, cameras, Beebots and other ICT devices.

Expressive Arts and Design (Art/DT): Children will learn song and rhymes about the emergency services. They will also produce arts and models linked to our topic.

You can help by:

- Sharing regular reading times at home
- Practising recognising and writing numbers with your child
- Helping your child to form letters correctly (practise in sound booklet)
- Physical Development Challenges
 - To zip own coat.
 - To undo and fasten buttons on school t-shirt.

Kind regards,

Mrs Round