



Learning Priorities

Over this half term we will be focusing on a range of learning priorities. These will be taught through a range of topics, lead by and adapted to meet the children's interests and needs. We will be incorporating Winter and Chinese New Year into our learning.

During this half term a weekly 'Learning Priorities' sheet will be sent home. It will tell you what our focus of learning is, in each area of the curriculum. This will help you to get a better insight to what your child is learning. You can then incorporate these priorities into any games and activities you carry out at home with your child.

If you have any concerns or queries please feel free to contact me. The end of the school day is always a good time to catch me to discuss any concerns or issues or generally find out information.

Mrs Li



Reception Spring 1 Overview 2015

Dear Parent or Carer,

Welcome back to the new half term. May we take this opportunity to thank you again, for all of the wonderful presents we received. Your generosity was astounding. Again, this half term we are encouraging the children to become independent in the mornings. In order to get a prompt start to the day, get the registers done and then start our lessons, the children need to be sorted and on the carpet by 8.55am at the latest. If you have any messages/queries please can you give these to Mrs Fox or any of the Ladies on the door, who will pass these onto me ASAP. Your support in this would be greatly appreciated.



Communication, Language and Literacy Skills



This half term we are developing our early literacy skills. We will be focusing on:

- Our listening and speaking skills; sharing our ideas, expanding sentences and vocabulary. During our weekly News Time we will be encouraging the children to take turns in conversation and to ask questions.
- Rhyming words; blending and segmenting phonemes (sounds) (i.e segment (sound out) c-a-t, then blend (put the sounds together) to say the word cat).
- Our Phase 2 and Phase 3 sounds and keywords. **By now most children** should know their Phase 2 sounds and keywords. Those who are ready will be moving onto the next set of Reception sounds and keywords.
- Using all of this knowledge to write simple sentences with confidence.
- **We ask that all children, write one piece of news in their news book each week, to share during News Time on a Monday Morning.**



"It's true, Maths is Everywhere"

Young children learn these skills best through practical activities and at home you can provide your child with important mathematical experiences. This half term we will continue to focus on our number, measuring and solving problem skills. We will be learning a number of strategies to count in different ways; with accuracy to 10 and then 20. We will be developing our recording skills. All children will be encouraged to confidently use mathematical language in their play.

Please work on your child's Counting Targets at the back of their Reading Record.



Reading

It is essential that your child is involved in the reading process every night with an adult. This could be an adult reading the book to your child, sharing a book or your child reading to you, telling you the story. Even if your child is tired please engage in the reading process.

We ask all infant children to read for 10/15 minutes each night.

Please spend 5/10 minutes practising your letter sounds and keywords every day.

We ask that Parents sign their child's Reading Record every night, so that we know that your child has read.



Come and See



We will be learning about:

Celebrating: What a celebration is and how the parish family celebrate.

Please talk to your child about celebrations they have been to and what they celebrate at church.

Can you bring in a photo of a celebration that you have been to?