

24<sup>th</sup> April, 2015

## **RECEPTION TOPIC LETTER – SUMMER TERM**

Dear Parents,

Outlined below is the curriculum your child is following this term. We hope that it will be of use to you when discussing school with your child and looking for ways in which you can support them at home.

### **Language and Literacy**

We are following the National Literacy Strategy, which includes:-

Reading: A range of stories, poems and non-fiction books. Children will be taught in a variety of ways i.e. whole class, group and individually. They will be taught different strategies to help them read, such as knowing the sounds of the letters, pictorial clues and whether the text makes sense.

Writing: The children will be given the opportunity to write for a variety of purposes and will be encouraged to use their phonic knowledge and sight vocabulary.

Speaking and Listening: The children will be encouraged to listen to others and speak clearly and confidently. In addition each class will have focused sounds/phonic work for the week. The children will be following the DFEE Letters and Sounds programme.

Handwriting: The children will be taught to form their letters correctly by using the penpals scheme.

### **Mathematics**

The children will be focusing on numbers, shape, weight, capacity, time, length and data handling. The children will be consolidating knowledge of reading, writing and counting to 10, as well as extending knowledge by using numbers 0 – 20 and beyond.

### **Understanding of the world**

Our topics this term are water and summer time. During the course of the term the children will learn about water in its various forms and will explore what its purposes are. They will gain knowledge of beach environments and sea life and will have the opportunity to gain knowledge of climate and tourist attractions.

### **I.T.**

Children will also be encouraged to develop their I.C.T. skills such as word processing, keyboard and mouse control. They will use programs such as '2 Simple', Teddy Bears Picnic and an Early Years ICT topic programme.

### **Personal, Social and Emotional Development**

The children will be encouraged to have a developing awareness of their own feelings and be sensitive to the needs, views and feelings of others. This will be taught through a range of stories, games, class activities and religious events.

### **Expressive Arts and Design**

The children will have the opportunity to explore different media, for example paint, pastels and clay. They will be able to experiment with still life drawing, printing, model making and collages. They will also design their own summer t-shirt and beach towel.

### **Physical Development**

This term the children will have the opportunity to focus on travelling and working with a partner in gymnastics and in games. In outdoor P.E. the children will be learning balls skills.

### **R.E.**

This term the children will be learning about special places: home, school, church, communities. They will also learn about our world – how/where different people live. They will have time to think about looking after our world and all the people in it.

### **Places to visit**

- seaside towns
- rivers
- parks
- Greenwich Maritime Museum
- library

Yours sincerely,

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