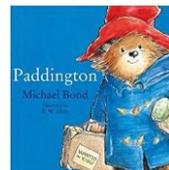


Reception Curriculum Details ~ Spring 1 2018

Happy New Year! I hope that you had a lovely Christmas and that the children are returning to school refreshed and ready to learn. This term we have Mrs Champken working with us in the mornings (Mon-Wed) and Miss Millward on Fridays. Mrs Waller will be teaching on Monday and Tuesday afternoons and Mrs Way on a Friday afternoon to cover my management time and PPA.

This half term we are embarking on a 'Bears' topic. Our focus text is 'Paddington' by Michael Bond illustrated by R W Alley. This year marks the 60th anniversary of the publication of the first Paddington story. Our Literacy, art and craft activities will link to our topic. Details about our train trip (to Great Malvern Station) will follow as soon as they have been finalised.



Each day we have a carpet session with a Maths focus. The children will be using numbers to 20 and beyond, counting on and back, estimating and checking. They will revise 2D shapes and work on data handling and symmetry. Please do check Tapestry regularly to see our weekly Maths Monkey target with ideas for supporting and reinforcing learning at home.

Recognising High Frequency words will continue to be our main focus for the first few weeks back. Children will bring home the final sheets (six new words at a time) which they need to learn to read to build up their sight vocabulary. We endeavour to change home reading books each day but please do let us know if you wish to keep a book for a little longer; there are many benefits to re-reading a book when the children are growing in confidence in their independent reading.



The children have completed their Set 1 sounds and will revisit them regularly this term. They will practise letter formation often and develop confidence in using their sounds to write independently.

The children will resume outdoor 'Welly Wednesday' activities with their friends at Bumblebees on 10th January. As the weather is colder, please ensure the children have a hat and gloves, along with a waterproof and wellingtons in school. We will observe seasonal changes and will venture out whatever the weather! Hot chocolate is our winter Welly Wednesday treat on the very chilly days!



We are looking forward to having Yoga sessions on a Tuesday afternoon this half term. The children will also have a second PE session each week with a Dance/Topic focus. It will usually be on a Thursday afternoon, but as timetables do change, we ask that PE kits (including outdoor jogging bottoms and sweatshirt - named, please!) are kept in school at all times.

'Show and Tell' takes place every Friday. The children are welcome to bring one item from home to show the rest of the class in circle time. Every effort is made to keep things safe, but please do not send in anything too precious!

Date for your diary: Advance notice... **Thursday 1st March** is World Book Day - all children come to school dressed as a book character on this day! Also, Reception children will be leading our special Mothering Sunday Assembly in school at **9am** on **Tuesday 6th March**.

Parent-Teacher meetings are scheduled for **Tuesday 20th** and **Wednesday 21st March** but please do not wait until then if you have any concerns, no matter how small.

We are all looking forward to a very busy and exciting half term!

Karen Smith