



## Curriculum Newsletter- for Reception Spring | 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the first half term of 2018. We would like to share our Curriculum overview with you and some key dates for this half term.

Homework- will go out Thursday and pupils will be expected to return their homework to school on Tuesday. Please ensure all homework is complete and back at school in time.

Our Topic for this half term is **People who help us**

Please take a look at our Curriculum Map for this half term.

In **Writing** we will be writing captions and short sentences, practising new sounds learnt. In **phonics**, we will continue Phase 3 sounds learning 3 new sounds per week. In **Reading**, we will focus on describing what happened and where in stories. We will be focussing on reading and ensuring we have understood the word we have read.

In **Maths**, our key skills focus will continue to be recognising numbers 11-20 and counting out correct amounts to match these numerals.

We will focus on using number skills to solve problems. We will continue halving and doubling.

We will be estimating and learn about how to measure length.

In **Jewish Studies** we will be celebrating Tu Be'Shvat. We will be learning about the different blessings that we use for different fruits and vegetables. We will focus on environmentalism and looking after trees.

In **Personal, Social and Emotional Education**, we will continue following shared rules. We will talk about looking after living things. We will focus on building our independence in the new Nursery building.

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In **Understanding and Knowledge of the world** we will be using simple ICT equipment, such as cameras and microphones. We will begin growing seeds and beans. We will be focussing on change and how this happens.

In **Physical Development** we will be talking about safety and how to use equipment safely. We will be learning to control 1 handed tools and scissors. We will talk about how our bodies work and how to look after them.

In **Expressive Arts and Design** We will continue mixing media and materials to create pictures and items. We will focus on planning our work, and choosing techniques to make effects with paint or materials.

We will be changing the words to familiar songs to reflect our topics and themes.

In **Communication and Language** we will be focussing on describing in detail, events and objects. We will be using our own ideas in talk with partners, we will continue using "how" "why" and "because" when giving ideas.

We will also practise partner talk and communicating to solve disputes and problems with others.