



Curriculum Newsletter- for Reception Spring 2 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

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 **Habitats**

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

In **Writing** we will focus on writing sentences independently, and using tricky words in writing.

In phonics we will continue Phase 3 sounds, learning more diagraphs. In **Reading**, we will be focussing on blending new diagraphs in words and reading whole sentences and captions. .

In **Maths**, we will be focusing on shape, pattern and directions.

We will be learning about the properties of 3D shapes and how to make them.

We will be making size and colour patterns. We will be learning how to describe the position on objects using directions such as under, in on and next to.

In **Jewish Studies** we will be celebrating Purim and Pesach. We will be learning and acting out the Purim story. We will focus on key vocabulary. We will also be focussing on understanding the importance and meaning of traditions.

In **Personal, Social and Emotional Education**, we will be thinking how to overcome adversity and challenges. We will be using our weekly circle time to talk about making good choices and our feelings.

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In **Understanding and Knowledge of the world** we will be learning how to use Bee-bot programmable robots. We will learn about the habitats of different animals. We will find out about what other animals share our urban environment.

In **Physical Development** we will continue using the parachute and moving in different ways. We will practise making strong marks with pens, pencils and crayons. We will talk about the effects and importance of exercise.

In **Expressive Arts and Design** we have a pirate ship as our role play this term. We will be making props and items for our role play.

We will be making our own instruments and noise makers. In music we will be working on understanding tempo and rhythm, and using percussion instruments.

In **Communication and Language** we will be focusing on using new vocabulary learnt. We will be practising how to ask and answer questions in a pair.

We will also continue to work on communicating to solve disputes and problems with others.