



## Curriculum Newsletter for Reception Spring 2 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the Second half term of 2019. We would like to share our Curriculum overview with you and some key dates for this half term.

PE day will resume on [Wednesdays](#) please ensure your child has their full PE kit with them, navy or black shorts or jogging bottoms, white t-shirt and black plimsoles.

[Homework](#) and [reading books](#) go out [Thursday](#) and pupils will be expected to return their homework to school on the following [Tuesday](#). Please ensure all homework is complete and back at school in time.

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

In Literacy we will be using our new sounds from phonics sessions to read short books and write sentences. The children will continue to practice writing the tricky words and use them to read and write in their literacy books and in play.

In Mathematics we will be learning to double and half amounts, playing games to find one more and one less and add and subtract numbers. We will be using balancing scales to order and compare the weight of different objects and programming the Bee-Bot toys using positional language.

We will continue to have weekly circle time sessions, where the children will talk about their feelings, give their opinions and listen to others.

We will be learning new words from stories and using them in our play. The children will continue to talk to their partner to answer questions about stories.

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In Understanding the World we will be comparing different environments from Antarctica to Africa. The children will be investigating how to make ice and how it melts.

During Expressive Art and Design sessions we will be building on our colour knowledge by using different mediums including watercolours, oil pastels and paint.

In PE sessions we will be playing spatial awareness games, learning how exercise affects our body and how to stretch to exercise safely. We will continue to emphasise the importance of independence when getting dressed and undressed for PE sessions.

In Jewish Studies we will be celebrating the festivals of Purim and learning the story of Queen Esther. We will be learning about the significance of the Seder plate and the story of Passover as we prepare for our Pesach performance. In Ivrit we will continue to learn vocabulary to describe animals, colours, transport and numbers.