



Curriculum Newsletter for Reception Spring 1 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the first spring term. I would like to share the Curriculum overview with some key dates for this half term.

PE day will be Wednesday and will commence on Wednesday 15th January 2020. Please ensure your child has their full PE kit with them, navy or black shorts or jogging bottoms/leggings, 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.

Our Topic for this half term is 'People Who Help Us.'

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

In Literacy we will be reading books about "People Who Help Us." We will be using books to find out information about an Astronaut, Firefighter, Vet and Police officer. In phonics we will be learning new sounds and tricky words and how to write sentences. We will be learning to read short books independently.

In Mathematics we will be learning how to use the balance scales to weigh animals from the lightest to the heaviest. We will measuring items using cubes and ordering them from the longest to the shortest. We will continue to play games to add and subtract amounts and learning to recognise coins when playing shopping games.

We will continue to follow our class rights and responsibilities. We will be having weekly circle time sessions where we will be talking about our feelings and giving our thoughts and opinions on different topics and events.

We will be learning new words to describe the roles and equipment used by a vet, firefighter, police officer and astronaut. We will be describing how the dragon dances during the Chinese New Year Celebrations

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In Understanding the World we will continue to use the Bee-Bots and the iPads. We will be learning about the Chinese New Year. We will be investigating the garden and observing insects and plants in the digging area.

In Expressive Art and Design we will be using printing skills to recreate the surface of the moon. We will be creating a mixed media collage of a dragon for the Chinese New Year.

In Physical Development we will be playing spatial awareness games in PE and moving our bodies in different ways. We will be using scissors, tweezers and threading to develop our hand eye coordination and continue to work on our handwriting skills.

We will continue to have Jewish Studiew with Rabbi Goldmeir and Mr Jacobs to learn about the Torah and the AlephBet. We will be celebrating Tu B'Shevat: the Birthday of the Trees. We will be singing songs with Mrs David to learn colours and counting up to 20 in Ivrit.