



Curriculum Newsletter for Reception Spring 2 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the second 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 4th March 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 'Habitats'

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

In Literacy we will be reading books about farm animals and the park. We will continue to read short books independently and learning how to read and write words and sentences containing new phonics sounds and tricky words.

In Mathematics we will be learning how to use the balance scales to weigh animals from the lightest to the heaviest. We will be 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 have 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 talking about how to be kind to living things in our environment.

We will be learning new words to talk about our immediate habitat and the farm and park.. We will be learning how to connect our ideas when talking to a friend in group activities.

'Habitats'

In Understanding the World we will continue to use the Bee-Bots and the iPads. We will be learning about the different animals and insects that live in our school habitat and in the park. We will visit Hackney City Farm to see where farm animals live.

In Expressive Art and Design we will be mixing paint colours to use to paint garden insects. We will be choosing the materials we want to use to make observational drawings of farm animals. We will be learning new songs for the Seder.

In Physical Development we will be playing throwing, catching and aiming games with the bean bags. 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 Studies with Rabbi Goldmeir and Mr Jacobs to learn about the Torah and the AlephBet. We will be celebrating Purim and learning about Pesach. We will be learning new songs for our Seder performance and the contents of the Seder plate.