



## Curriculum Forecast

### Reception Class

### Spring Term

Welcome back. This half term our learning will be based on the topic of health and growth, including pets and ourselves.

#### Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will be thinking about how we have grown and changed, and what we can do now compared to when we were younger. We will be aiming to become more independent and will begin to use a range of strategies to help us find solutions to the problems we face.

As part of our topic, we will be thinking about how we care for others as well as ourselves. This is more closely linked to our Physical Development, in the area of health and self-care.

You can support your child at home by sharing with them how they are being healthy and by encouraging them to think about how they look after themselves and others. If you have a pet, you can talk about how it depends on you to look after it and what you need to do, and if observing nature, how we look after our environment.

#### Communication and Language

This half term we will focus on our speaking skills. We will be developing our vocabulary and the use of past, present and future tense when talking. If children use the incorrect tense in a sentence when talking e.g. I slepted, I goed, please repeat the sentence using the correct tense. There is no need to highlight this to the child, but place emphasis on the correct tense.

We will be working on our ability to listen to and to follow simple instructions, as well as how to use speech to clarify our thoughts, ideas and feelings. You can help your child by spending time speaking with them, modelling accurate vocabulary to describe events and feelings.

#### Mathematics

Our mathematics will cover a wide range of aspects. We will continue to develop our counting skills, by counting in 5s and by beginning to learn to count in 2s. We will be looking at patterns, solving addition and subtraction problems, measuring and using money.

You can help your child at home by incorporating these skills as part of everyday activities, e.g. counting 5p and 2p coins together, measuring how long each person's feet are and ordering them from smallest to biggest etc.

#### Literacy

We will be using our topic of health and growth to look at a range of genre for reading and writing. We will be looking at and using information texts, writing simple labels and captions. We will learn to identify key features of a sentence (full stop and capital letter) and look for other key features in texts, such as punctuation, speech bubbles and bold or enlarged print.

Please help your child at home in each of these aspects. Use information texts, highlighting the key features, such as the contents page, headings, and labels. Retell stories together, using story language and phrases.

### **Understanding the World**

Our work in this area will be closely linked to science, looking at and identifying changes in living things (ourselves, other animals, and plants), and looking at similarities, differences, patterns and change. We will continue to develop our ICT skills, learning to program a beebot, and using computer programmes to support our learning in maths, literacy, EAD and UW. The outdoor environment is ideal for helping your child in this area of their learning.

### **Expressive Arts and Design**

In role play we will be developing our stories, and the language we use when interacting with others. We will re-cap the character aspect of role play. Towards the end of the half term we will focus on our movements in response to music, as well as listening to and imitating simple rhythms.

Texture and using a range of media to create effect will form the focus for our art work this half term.

At home you can join in with the rhythm of different songs played on the radio or CD. If your child is role playing, please help them to develop their language skills.

### **Physical Development**

This half term we have a focus on games skills. We will be paying closer attention to using and controlling a ball, developing our ability to manipulate balls using our body parts, or a bat. We will be looking at how we can take safe risks, and discussing general safety aspects relating to ourselves, such as being safe around the home, by water and when out walking.

### **Other Information**

PE will be on Friday of each week.

Home activities will be changed on Fridays.

Library books will be continue to be changed on Wednesdays.

Please continue to complete the home school log books and pass on to me by the end of this half term.

They are really useful for identifying learning that we may not have seen in school and will go towards your child's assessment.

Please continue to read at home with your child each day, and record this in their reading record books.

As this is typically the coldest time of the school year, could you please provide your child with a hat, gloves and warm coat, to help keep them warm. Please don't forget to label them.

Kind regards,

Mrs King, Mrs Dallaway and Miss Fricker