



Tuesday 6th June 2017

Dear Parents and Children,

Reception Curriculum Information update- Summer 2 2017

Welcome back and thank you for all your support over the last half term, it was wonderful to see so many people at our parents event before the holidays. We are now ready for our final half term in Reception and are beginning preparations for moving up to Year 1. This term we are having a 'Bears and Boxes' theme to our learning. The hook for this will be our visit to Nell Bank on **Wednesday 7th June**. At Nell Bank we will begin to unpick and dramatise the story of 'We're going on a Bear Hunt' and this will be our first key text. We will also be covering 'Whatever Next' 'It's not a box' and 'On Sudden Hill'. This will give us lots of opportunities to explore the wider PSE and understanding the world curriculum.

Literacy: The children have now become readers and writers, and are able to apply their phonics to reading books and writing sentences and even stories. They are making good progress on their individual phonics journey and are working on fully applying what they have learnt over the last couple of terms to their writing and are working within phase 3, 4 or early phase 5. Continuing to practise reading and writing of their spellings which are assessed on a Wednesday, along with daily reading of the levelled book is the main way in which you can continue to support this at home. Please indicate that you have read with your child in the reading journal.

Questions to ask your child when reading -

Can you sound that out? Can you read the tricky work? Now that you have sounded it out, can you read the whole sentence again? How do you think that person is feeling? What do you think will happen next in the story? Do you think that character is good or bad?

Mathematics: We have been looking at problem solving involving doubling and sharing, as well as addition and subtraction and are now going to perfect using the calculations over the last half term. The children will working on writing their numerals correctly and ordering numbers in a sequence as part of their 'morning registration job'. You can access similar games from if you wish to support this further. A website that the children are familiar with is <http://www.topmarks.co.uk/ordering-and-sequencing/caterpillar-ordering> this is a free website and is great for interactive games. Also this half term Reception class will be continuing with their **Number Zumba targets** to be practised at home. More information will follow in the next few days!

Physical Development: Our physical sessions will remain on a Monday and Friday this half term. Please ensure your child is in their PE kit and wearing suitable footwear- these sessions will form lots of small group games and athletics style activities.

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Dates for your diary

PE Days; Monday and Friday

Library day; Friday

Reception Nell Bank- Tuesday 7th June

KS1 Sports Day AM in school- Friday 23rd June

Tuesday 27th June - Reception Parent Event (outdoors weather permitting 2.15pm)

Transition to Year 1 - Monday 3rd July - 5th July

In the meantime, should you have any questions, please pop in and speak to me, Mrs Leetham or Miss Burns.

Thank you

Mrs Ruddock

Class Teacher and Assistant Head