



Dear Parents and Children,

Reception Curriculum Information- Spring 1 2020

Firstly could we thank you for your support during the last term, with our parent events, mystery readers and nativity- it was all very much appreciated. So far this week we have been super busy with our first topic day on Monday. During our topic day we enjoyed a range of activities involving growing up, visiting the doctor and knowing our body and how to keep it healthy. We enjoyed a 'Keep Fit' session and made some delicious vegetable soup, as well as learn about growth from babies, to toddlers, to children, to teenagers, adults and elderly people.

This term we are beginning with a 'Winter and Cold Places' theme and will have an 'Ice Day' as a 'Hook' to capture the children's interest! We will enjoy a whole host of activities such as 'freeing the frozen figures', building igloos with ice cubes, experimenting with ice and building ice (sugar) cube igloos... keep checking Tapestry for updates! Following this we will look at the Arctic, the animals and people that live there and how the environment differs from ours here in Harden.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development:

Over the next half term, we will continue to encourage the children to play co-operatively, taking turns with each other, as well as encouraging independence. The children will take more responsibility for their own learning by completing independent activities in addition to the rainbow challenges.

How can you help at home?

Promote independence around the home and encourage them to ask for help when they need it. Encourage your child to take responsibility for some of their own things and tidying away after themselves when they have been playing.

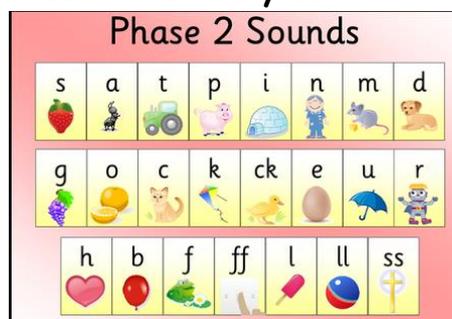
Phonics: Children will continue to say sounds in words and blend them together and know which letters represent some sounds. They will now begin to read words and simple



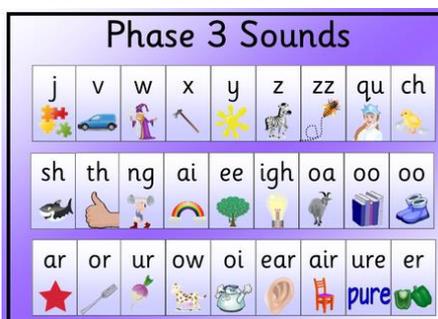
sentences, and begin to apply their phonics to writing their own words and captions. We will send home short word lists from the phonic lists that are frequent words the child will use in their reading and writing.

We will continue to change the home reading books on a **weekly basis**, but the children will now be given a new designated day - this day will be stuck onto your child's home journal next week. Please ensure your child has their books in school every day.

Phase 2- already covered:



Phase 3- to consolidate this term:



How can you help at home?

Read as often as you can, 5-10mins every day if possible, to enable the children lots of practise. Ask your child to attempt spelling words using their phonic knowledge. Look out for the real/nonsense word lists and practice them at home.

Mathematics: We will be working with numbers up to 20, counting, writing numbers, addition & subtraction and being able to find 1 more / 1 less by heart. We will also be using numbers to practically add and subtract and applying this in the context of money. We will continuously count as a whole class and in groups, using varied multiples of 1's 2's 10's, forwards and backwards.

How can you help at home?

Spot numbers in the environment on road signs or house numbers, especially 2 digit numbers. Help your child recognize small coins 1p, 2p, 5p, 20p. Look out for the Number Zumba sheet stuck in your child's home journal from next week (more info to follow).



Physical Development: Children will continue to have opportunities to use a variety of equipment both indoors and outdoors. Fine motor physical development will focus on using a pencil to correctly form letters of a consistent size. During whole class gross physical development sessions, the children will learn to use apparatus and wall bars as well as develop short dance routines. You will have been notified by email of the PE days (MONDAY and WEDNESDAY).

How can you help at home?

Practise writing short captions to develop letter formations. Practise forming letters in different 'textures' such as shaving foam or sand.

Parental Engagement: It was wonderful to see so many updates on **Tapestry** over the holidays. Remember that you can update anything that 'WOW's you, or a recent step in progress that you have seen in your child... we are also specifically asking for any additional updates on use of ICT and family traditions that your child has taken part in over Christmas. Thank you to everybody that has taken part in '**Mystery Reader**' so far this academic year, we have a new sign-up sheet on the classroom door if you would like to come in this term - please sign up quickly as they soon get filled. Another thank you to all the parents that have come in to help **bake / cook** - we are now focusing more on savoury items and welcome more volunteers- just email or catch a member of the team.

This half term our **parents event** will be on **Thursday 13th February at 9am**, and you are welcome to come and join us in the classroom for a short music session. Advance notice for the following event is **Tuesday 31st March at 1:30pm** for an Easter Craft afternoon.

In the meantime, should you have any questions, please pop in and speak to a member of the team.

Many thanks,

Mrs Ruddock, Mrs Moore & Miss Leatham
Reception Team