

Curriculum Information Reception

Autumn 2 2020



We would like to take this opportunity to say how well all the children have settled into Reception and Harden Primary School, especially during such uncertain times. During this second half term we are taking full advantage of the season changing, the days getting shorter and the nights getting darker. Our topic is Light and Dark. We will focus on this topic for the first 4 weeks and then we will fully embrace ourselves in the run up to Christmas.

We will continue to teach the curriculum using a variety of approaches, real life and hands on experiences etc and we will share everything with you on Tapestry. It has been fabulous to see so many of you uploading things that the children have done at home and commenting on things in school. If you haven't had chance yet, give this a go this half term as the children love to share their home learning during 'Tapestry time'.

Maths

This half term we will start by continuing with a Shape, Space and Measure looking at 2D shapes and money.

We will then develop our Number understanding further and begin to think about more and less which will develop on to addition and subtraction.

As always, continue to immerse your child in number and shape on a daily basis.

Can they spot numbers or shapes in your house or when you are out and about?

Can they count objects? Can they have a go at estimating?

Go on a shape hunt around the house!

If this naturally progresses to writing numbers down this is great, but remember that the best Maths learning happens when they aren't even aware they are doing it.

English

For our Light and Dark topic we will be focusing on 2 key texts, Whatever Next and Way back Home.

(Please don't share these with your child as we will also begin to develop our English leaning to incorporate and 'learning journey' which includes making predictions and asking questions about the book before they have seen the full front cover.)

When our topic moves towards Christmas, our key texts will be The Jolly Postman and The Elf on the Shelf. We will also be looking at the original Nativity story and our own Nativity that we will be performing for you.

The children will be writing lists, letters, labelling and writing captions, so please share any shopping lists or Christmas lists that your child might create at home. This half term we will also begin to write stories using a 5 sentence story template. Look out for more information on Tapestry about this.

Phonics We have now taught the sounds in Phase 2 and will begin Phase 3 this week. The sounds and words in Phase 2 will still need some consolidation. Use your word cards for the tricky words to help practise quick recognition.

www.phonicplay.co.uk has some great free games that your child may enjoy playing at home.



ICT

Using programmes to support learning such as simple programmes on purple mash. Don't forget you have access to these games on www.purplemash.co.uk

If you require a copy of your password again, please let one of us know.

Topic

This will include looking at traditions based on festivals of Diwali and Christmas, and how people may celebrate different things and have different customs. The children will also learn to talk about past and present events in their own lives and the lives of family members, and look at how their personal history has developed over their lifetime. *(See Tapestry post to upload a baby photo)* The children will develop some geography skills around map work and create maps of where we live and our school. If you have any maps, Sat Navs, globes etc at home, it would be a great starting point for you to share these with your child.

We will also be working on some science enquiry skills around observation and testing to help develop our characteristics of effective learning and to fit in with our light and dark topic these will be centred around shadows and electricity.

Expressive Arts and design

The children always have access to the design and craft areas but these will be complemented with different enhancements and focused activities. Our Expressive arts and design work will link together areas of the curriculum and include looking at Rangoli Patterns, digital media to 'elf our self' as well as design and make jigsaws.

We will also have enhanced role play areas that will develop role play and creating narratives in our play. This will initially be around our space topic, but will soon become Christmas/Winter themed.

PE and Physical development

Dance - Listen, jump, hop, skip

Gymnastics—climbing and balancing

Handwriting—forming letters and numbers carefully

Music

We will be exploring the different sounds of instruments and how they make us feel. We will then look at how the musical instruments can fit with our nativity performance!

PSHE—What is means to be a good friend?

Our PSHE work this half term will be based upon keeping safe and being a good friend. We will consider what makes a good friend and how to show mutual respect.

Tapestry and learning at home

Learning at home

Reading - We recommend you read with your children every night whether that is them reading to you, or you reading to them. Encourage them to segment and blend when reading words and to use their robot arms. Ask questions about what they have read to check their comprehension and that they have understood it. Encourage them to answer questions with explanations rather than 'because I think so'.

Words—Practise quick recall of word cards and have a go at trying to spell these with magnetic letters or writing equipment.

(If you need additional word packs or a pack of sounds to help consolidation please let us know)

Tapestry

Continue to upload on to your child's Tapestry. We value all contributions that go on Tapestry, and love to share your contributions in class. In addition to these can we ask that you gather any extra contributions based around music, musical instruments and singing that your child likes to enjoy at home. Do they have a repertoire of favourite songs? As singing is limited in school at the moment we would love to see and share some these with the children.

Look out for your interim report. This is in place of parents evening. If there is anything you would like to discuss in person please let us know and we can arrange a date and time. If you have any questions please feel free to leave a message with the office and we will get back to you or via email reception@hardenprimaryacademy.co.uk