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EYFS Curriculum Newsletter- Spring Term

This term our topics are 'Around the World' and 'People Who Help Us'

As Readers we will be looking at the story 'The Jolly Postman; or other people's letters' by Janet and Allan Ahlberg. We will be retelling the story as well as drawing pictures and writing lists, labels and captions about the characters. After half term we will be looking at some non-fiction books about fire fighters and exploring other people who help us. In our Phonics work, we will be beginning Phase 3 of the Phonics Bug program. This includes the sounds j,v,w,x,y,z,zz,sh, ch, th, ng, ai, ee, igh, oa, oo, ar, or, ur, air, ear, ure and er as well as tricky words; he, she, be, we, me, her, they, all, are, you, my, was.



As Writers Reception children will have access to mark making resources in the writing area and will be encouraged to practise writing simple phrases and tricky words taught in phonics sessions. We will be using a variety of tools such as crayons, chalk, pencils, felt tips, paint to do this. We will also be working closely on children's fine motor skills to develop their letter formation. We will be using malleable materials such as playdough in our dough disco sessions to support this.

As Mathematicians Reception children will begin to develop their skills in basic counting, number recognition and ordering numbers to 20. We will also be looking at ways to find one more or one less than a group of objects as well as identifying 2D and 3D shapes in the environment and solving problems using money in the post office role play area.



As Explorers we will be talking about where we live and some of the places we have been. After half term we will be exploring the roles of firefighters, police officers, doctors and nurses in our topic 'People Who Help Us'. We will be linking these ideas to The Great Fire of London and discussing how the role of a firefighter has changed throughout history.

As Artists we will be exploring and using a variety of different materials to print simple patterns and create pictures of places around the world. We will also be using clay to make souvenirs of important statues and landmarks. After half term we will be using different media to create emergency service vehicles and houses.



PE lessons will take place on a **Wednesday** afternoon with Sam Loomes. We recommend that your child brings their PE kit into school every Monday and we will send them home every Friday to be washed and returned the following week.

We will continue to change your child's library book every Monday afternoon. Please make sure that all library books are returned **every Monday** so that your child can choose another one to share with you at home.

If there are any questions or concerns about your child's learning and progress do not hesitate to come and ask.

Thank you for your support.

Miss Calaby