

Reception Curriculum News

February 2018

Welcome back

We hope that all the children had an enjoyable holiday and that they are well rested and ready for our busy half term ahead!

We have lots of excitement in store for this half term including a trip to Kentish Town City Farm and the arrival of some chick eggs which will be hatching very soon. The children will have an opportunity to look after the baby chicks.

Over the next few weeks, we will be doing lots of work around the stories: **The Three Little Pigs and The Little Red Hen**

Communication and Language

Children will listen to stories, anticipating key events and respond to what they hear with relevant comments, questions or actions.

Children will continue to develop their language to imagine and recreate roles and experiences in play situations and they will be encouraged to introduce a storyline into their play.

In group situations, we will focus on developing the skill of children listening and responding to each others ideas.

Physical Development

Children will continue to learn to use equipment safely and with improved control, including pencils, scissors and knives for cutting.

Children will develop skills in travelling under, over and around balancing and climbing equipment. They will also continue with their weekly session of multi-sports and they will learn new skills as well as practise working in teams.

Children will continue to learn about good practice with regard to exercise, eating, sleeping and hygiene and how this can contribute to good health.

Personal, Social and Emotional

Children will continue to develop skills in cooperating with each other and working in a group.

Children will have the opportunity to reflect on the things that they are good at so that they are able to describe themselves in positive terms and talk about their abilities.

Mathematical development

In Number, we will continue developing children's skills in reading, writing and ordering numbers to 20 (and beyond if they are able to)

Children will continue to develop their skills in subtraction and addition. Some children will be adding and subtracting with numbers beyond 10 and they will learn how to use a number line to count on (when adding) or backwards (when taking away) from a given number.

Children will also be learning to solve problems including doubling, halving and sharing.

In shapes, space and measures, children will be comparing lengths, masses and capacities using comparative language. They will also continue to familiarize themselves with money and use language associated with money.

Expressive Arts and Design

Children will continue to develop their skills in drawing and creating pictures using paint and collage materials.

Our Role-play area will be themed around the 'The Three Little Pigs' story. Children will be encouraged to work cooperatively as part of a group to act out a narrative in the Role-play area.



Literacy

We will continue with our **Read Write Inc.** phonics sessions. Some children will continue learning the **set 2 sounds** (e.g. ay, ee, igh) and others will continue to develop segmenting and blending skills with **set 1 sounds**. – look out for information in your child's reading bag so that you can support them by reinforcing sounds at home.

If you missed the Phonics Information session, please have a look at the powerpoint on the school website (in curriculum section) In particular, there are some suggestions to look at some very useful websites which have lots of fun games for your children to play to help them with phonics.

Children will learn to recognise, read and write everyday words. Please continue to practise the **45 High Frequency** words at home

Children will write for a range of purposes and through role-play. We are very impressed at how they are using their phonic knowledge in their writing. Please support your child at home in forming their letters in the correct way. Please come and ask if you need any help with this.

Understanding the world

Children will be planting seeds and thinking about what seeds need in order to grow into plants. They will be observing the changes as the plants begin to grow.

Children will be learning about similarities and differences between different animals and we will be looking at baby and adult farm animals. Our trip to Kentish Town City Farm will enable children to see these animals and learn more about them.

With the arrival of the chick eggs in Reception, children will have first hand experience of observing the life-cycle of a chicken.

We will also be visiting **Railway Fields Nature Reserve** to make observations about plants and minibeasts and explore seasonal change as Spring begins.



Chicks

We will be receiving some chick eggs at the start of this half term. Children will have the exciting opportunity of seeing the chicks hatch out of the eggs.

We will be looking after the chicks for 2 weeks. Make sure you come in and have a look!



Kentish Town City Farm

We will be visiting Kentish Town City Farm on the following dates:

Busy Bees: Wednesday 7th March

Lively Ladybirds: Monday 12th March

A letter will be going out this week with the details.

Reading bags

Please remember that children need to have their book bags in school **EVERY** day and the yellow comment book needs to stay in the bag with their reading book. Children read with different adults on different days of the week so books need to be in school every day. Thank you!



Toys

Could you please ensure that children do not bring toys from home to school. Children become very upset if they are lost or damaged and they can also be a source of distraction. Thank you!