Monday 14th January 2019

Reception Class Spring Term

Dear Parent or Carer,

Welcome to the Spring term of Reception at West Twyford Primary School. Please take your time to read this letter, which shall help you understand the programme of study this term.

Numeracy

The children will continue to follow the Singapore approach to learning Maths. This method develops pupils' mathematical skills and confidence. The children will use concrete materials to understand maths concepts. This is a 'hands on' component using real objects and it is the foundation for conceptual understanding. Children will then be able to represent the problem using pictures and diagrams. They will then be able to use mathematical notation to represent the problem. This is called the Concrete-Pictorial-Abstract approach and is the core of Singapore Maths.

This half term the children will be:

- counting, recognising and ordering numbers to 20
- finding one more and one less than a number to 20
- learning simple addition and subtraction
- doubling and halving
- sharing into equal groups
- naming and describing 3D shapes
Literacy

In literacy we will continue to use phonics as a basis for the children's reading and writing. We will be looking at more complex sounds such as 'ee' and 'or'. Each week we will develop key reading skills focusing on our book of the week. These are predictions, story sequencing, comprehension skills, simple inference and decoding skills. Books we will be exploring this term are:

- The Rainbow Fish
- The Snail and the Whale
- The Little Mermaid
- Pirates Love Underpants
- Gilbert the Great
- Commotion in the Ocean
- Lost and Found
- That's Not My Hat
- Polar Bear Polar Bear What Do You See?
- The Pirates Next Door
- A variety of information texts about sea animals

Topic

This term we are learning about 'Under The Sea'. The children will be learning facts about sea animals, thinking of our own questions about sea animals and finding out the answers. They will also explore the concepts of floating and sinking.

PE

Children will partake in PE twice a week, therefore they need to bring PE kits on a Monday and bring them home again on Friday. Your child will need sports shorts, a T-shirt, sweatshirt and trainers all labelled in a PE bag. The colours of the PE kit are now blue and white. Football team strips are not permitted. Tracksuit bottoms may be handy when it gets cold.

They will play a variety of games with our specialist PE teacher Mr Graham and learn key PE skills such as balance, coordination and strength.

Homework

Homework will be handed out on a Wednesday and expected back for the next Monday. It will consist of a Numeracy and Literacy Homework. If you have any questions about how to help your child complete their homework please ask your class teacher.

Trips

This term our trip will be to the London Aquarium.
Things to remember for the Spring Term

Water Bottles – It is important for children to bring their water bottles so they stay hydrated and healthy. Remember it needs to have a "sports top/ nozzle" and be labelled with their name. If your child has a packed lunch they will need a separate drink in their lunchbox.

Sharing Assemblies – We will be taking half the class to the weekly sharing assembly each Friday afternoon at 2.45 p.m. The other half will be practising singing in class. If it has been your child’s birthday during the week or they are receiving a certificate, they will come to the Friday assembly to celebrate.

Helping your child – The best ways to support your child include:

- Reading with your child every day. Try reading words on signs, at the shops, in the home and all around. Talk to your child about what they have read.
- Finding opportunities for your child to write with purpose such as making you a shopping list, writing a card for a friend, writing instructions for their favourite meal.
- Any counting, shape recognition and coin recognition you can involve, as part of your everyday conversation will help practice the work done in school. Use toys and objects to solve simple problems such as adding and taking away.
- Ensuring completion of the weekly homework sheets.
- Ensuring PE kit is always in school.
- Providing the correct uniform.
- Follow school rules and procedures, such as arriving on time.
- Encourage independence by encouraging your child to dress themselves in the morning.

Please feel free to come to school to discuss any issues or concerns you may have. Please visit the school website at www.west-twyford.ealing.sch.uk for regular updates on our learning.

Yours faithfully,

Miss Hunt
Class Teacher

Miss Martin
Headteacher