RECEPTION UPDATE

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Hi and welcome back to Spring term. This half term will be very exciting and contain the following topic.



Pollution - Impact on



This half term, our theme is 'Pollution – Impact on the ECO system. We are basing our learning around plastic and its impact on animals, non-fiction books and children's interests.

Learning Opportunities

The children will develop responsibility and understanding of both their indoor and outdoor environments. They will be doing this by observing and exploring their local environment. The children will actively take part in changes to improve their own environment through

- Litter picking within school grounds and local environment
- A visitor who will share information about injured animals that he has helped.

Vocabulary that will be used during this half term

Beach, church, globe, hill, map, mountain, railway, river, road,

Animals, community, empathy, environment, natural, plants, responsibility, take care

Design, join, make, materials, measure, properties, repeat, stability, test, think, break



Animal, check, describe, explain, hypothesise, materials, observe, plant, predict, Push, pull

Understanding the World

The children will be looking at simple maps of the school and our school grounds. They will also be drawing their own maps from their observation of different places around the school.

Expressive Arts and Design

The children will be focusing on collage making. Activities will include choosing, arranging, sticking, sorting, matching and classifying. But also tearing and cutting. If your child isn't very confident with using scissors now, please encourage them to do some more of it at home. Old magazines or newspapers are perfect. Even Playdough!

PE (Object control)

Using medium sized balls, the children will be working on bouncing, kicking, striking, throwing and catching.

Maths

We will keep you updated each week with our upcoming maths focus.

What to bring to school every day

Red book bag: Please bring this bag into school <u>every day</u> with your 'choose book' and guided reading book, if your child has got one.

Your child changes their own choose book and can do so as regular as they like. Guided reading book will be changed once a week. This bag also helps with organising pictures/work to bring home. Please take any art work/ letters out daily to keep the bags tidy. We are very lucky to have some reading volunteers joining us throughout the week supporting the children with their reading.

Water bottle: Please ensure that you provide plain water only.

Any squash will be kept in the lunch bucket, ready to be brought into the hall.

Please do not carry drink bottles in book bags as they leak! Books have already been damaged from leaking bottles.

Coat: Please make sure that your child has a <u>named</u> coat at school every day.

Dinner: There is no need to bring any extra fruit / snack into school. The children are provided with fruit and milk every morning. If you order a hot dinner a desert is always offered. Bringing a lunch box and having hot dinners can be confusing for the children.

The start and end of school

The Reception staff will open their gate and doors at 8.25am. These will be open until 8.35am. Please ensure your child arrives during these 10minutes as we carry out our register promptly. If the reception gate is closed, PLEASE walk back round to the front office to register your lateness. Your child will then be brought down to their classroom by a member of staff.



Forest School- Monday's

Forest School will continue every Monday afternoon, so please carry on sending your child to school wearing their Forest School clothes and trainers.

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