

General Information

- Daily reading both at home and at school enables good progress to be made in all areas. Please comment in your child's reading diary so we can see how they are doing.
- We welcome and value contributions from home. Please send into school any photographs showing out of school interests or achievements. Please also bring into school any certificates or trophies. We are always keen to see what other interests and skills our children have.
- Any Junk boxes or materials that you wish to recycle will be very much appreciated by us; we use these daily in our creative area for making amazing models.
- To help us cover the costs of morning toast and breakfast snacks, we kindly ask for a contribution from parents of £3:00 per half term.
- Our P.E. session takes place on a Friday. Please make sure your child has their P.E. kit in school on this day. Please also make sure that any long hair is tied up and ear rings are either covered or removed.
- Our Library day is on a Thursday and we change our books on this day. Please make sure your child returns their library bag to school every Thursday.

Please speak to a member of staff if you have any questions or concerns. Thank -you so much for your continued support. We are looking forward to an exciting and busy term ahead.

Reception

Spring Term Overview



Ladywood

Primary School

Mrs McQuillan, Mrs Spialek
and Mrs Haynes

The Spring term is a very exciting time for Reception class. Our main topics will be 'Journeys' and 'Chinese New Year'. We will be using stories, props and our environment to support our work on these topics. Here is a brief summary of some of the activities we will be doing.

In **Literacy** we will be writing in all our areas in order to explore the different purposes and forms of writing i.e. lists, invitations, note taking and sentence formation. Children are always encouraged to sound out their own words when writing and to apply their phonic skills. We will be moving onto writing simple sentences. Children will plan and say out loud the sentence they wish to write ahead of writing it

We will continue to learn new sounds in our daily RWInc. phonic lesson. Children will bring home a decodable book to read which is linked to the sounds they are learning in their daily phonic lesson. Please listen to your child read this book each evening in order to improve fluency and independence when reading

We will be doing lots of reading and talking about stories. We will be promoting a love of books and stories through a range of activities. Children are always encouraged to discuss stories read in order to demonstrate their understanding. Children will also choose a library book to share at home. Please enjoy reading and sharing this book together.

In **Mathematics** we will be using a variety of resources to support understanding of number bonds, addition and subtraction. We will be using the range of key vocabulary related to these calculations. We will be exploring the composition of different numbers and will be learning how to articulate and record our findings.

Children will be expected to apply their understanding through problem solving and practical activities.

We will use our environment to explore number patterns and shapes. We will be naming both 2D shapes and 3D shapes and will be discussing their properties. Children will be introduced to the range of vocabulary needed to discuss the properties of both flat shapes and solid shapes.

In **Understanding of the World** we will be using our topic on 'Journeys' to explore different places and cultures. We will be talking about the similarities and differences between ourselves and others. We will be talking about our own environment and how environments might vary from one another. We will be using non-fiction books and the computer to support our learning. We will learn how to acquire new information and research topics of interest.

We will be discussing festivals and celebrations. We will explore how the Chinese New Year is celebrated and will compare this to our own celebrations.

In **Personal, Social and Emotional Development** we always aim to develop our speaking and listening skills. We have been learning how to be a good friend and play nicely with others. We learn how to share and take turns with others. We learn how positive relationships are formed by showing sensitivity to others' needs and feelings.

Children are always encouraged to explain their own learning and to ask appropriate questions of others. We always encourage an ethos of self-confidence, self awareness and resilience.

We recognise and enjoy children's success and support children to feel good about their own achievements. We like to celebrate achievements both in school and out of school. We always enjoy hearing about out of school achievements. Please send into school any certificates, photos etc. which show hobbies and pursuits. These can then be displayed in our entrance area.

Our topics this half term are..

Journeys and Chinese New Year

In **Expressive Arts and Design** we will be drawing and painting scenes from different stories i.e. collage work for the bear hunt, models of different forms of transport, paintings and models of Chinese dragons.

We will be using musical instruments to make rhythms and patterns. We will perform dances to different forms of music.

We will play cooperatively as part of a group to develop and act out a narrative. We will re-enact short stories in front of others, adding expression and gestures to create effect.

We will be learning new songs and applying our creative skills in a variety of activities.

In **Physical Development** we will be using lots of equipment to develop our gross motor skills i.e. balls, hoops, balancing beams etc. We will also be using pencils, scissors etc. to develop fine motor skills.

We will use our outdoors and P.E. sessions to develop our confidence and co-ordination when using both large and small apparatus.

We have a P.E. lesson once a week on a Friday morning in the hall. Children are encouraged to develop their own independence skills when changing and dressing for P.E. Please make sure your child has their kit in school each Friday.

In **Communication and Language** we will be working on our speaking and listening skills through back and forth conversation skills, whole class teaching sessions and small differentiated group work. We will be using extended language in topic and literacy sessions. We will be learning new words by listening to stories and joining in with class discussions. We will be learning how to use expression in role-play and when re-telling familiar stories.

We will be learning and using new vocabulary to talk about 'Journeys' and 'Chinese New Year'. Learning new vocabulary and using this in our own play is a key focus in all activities.

Social, Moral, Spiritual and Cultural

Children will be encouraged to respect one another and property. Children will be made aware of school rules and expectations. We will listen to others and show care for others feelings. We will find out about the diverse world we live in. We discuss British Values and learn how to be a good friend and community member.