



Festival of Food!

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER RECEPTION: SUMMER (FIRST HALF)

This newsletter is designed to give parents and carers a taste of the coming unit of work for the children in Reception. We have detailed below the main themes and areas of learning that we hope to cover, although there may be changes to respond to the children's ideas and interests. Some subjects will have a greater share of time depending which topic and half term we are working on so that there is a balance over the year. The children also regularly join in our 'Flexible Friday' curriculum experiences. We hope you find this newsletter useful!

STIMULUS: Picnics and food, making cakes!

Annual Events: sports coaching sessions

COMMUNICATION, LANGUAGE & LITERACY:

Children will be encouraged to participate in drama and small world to stimulate their writing. They will be developing simple stories and retelling narratives in the correct sequence. In non fiction they will make shopping lists, menus and recipes. They will use known letters and sounds and a broader range of words in their writing, and hear and say sounds in words in the right order. Children will be correctly forming all letters and numbers.

In particular children will learn one of the stories they study off by heart, complete with actions. See if they can retell it to you by the end of the topic!

EXPRESSIVE ARTS & DESIGN:

Children will be learning a variety of topic based songs in music. They will develop listening and sound activities, repeating patterns and using percussion. They will make props for the role play out of salt dough, take part in fruit and vegetable printing and take part in a cake decorating workshop.

PROBLEM SOLVING, REASONING & NUMERACY:

Children will begin to count aloud in ones, twos, fives and tens. They will also have the opportunity to find one more or less than a given number and correctly write numbers to 10 and beyond. They will continue to work on simple addition and explore language linked to 2D and 3D shapes.

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT:

Games activities and PE outdoors as the weather improves; creative dance linked to Carnival of the Animals.

Children will be moving with increasing control and coordination, and showing knowledge of good practices relating to exercise, health and hygiene.

UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD:

Children will have the chance to make a lunchbox or bag to carry a picnic and explore the local and a contrasting environment: the Caribbean. They will taste food from other cultures and visit the school kitchens too. They will con-

tinue to study the changing seasons as we move towards summertime, starting to understand the regularity of seasons through the year.

We will also have a special day to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee and find out about the royal family.

PERSONAL & SOCIAL:

Children will develop an understanding of relationships, behavior and self control, discussing how to cope if they lose something or if they feel up tight. There will also be an opportunity to find out more about the festival of Carnival.

In some subjects we will be following schemes of work which are not necessarily linked to the topic, particularly for reading, spelling and handwriting.

Don't forget you can help at home with daily reading, playing maths games and learning a variety of Nursery Rhymes and songs.