



Fighting fit!

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: Healthy food, exercise, growing and changing!

Annual Events: Class Assemblies

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, write about sports they like and famous sports people. 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!

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 work with numbers to 20. They explore language linked to 2D and 3D shapes and continue to devel-

op their knowledge of measuring, money and time. Children will also be problem solving and adding and subtracting using single digit numbers.

CREATIVE DEVELOPMENT:

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 healthy food from salt dough, paint symmetrical butterflies and use junk modelling materials to make a sports trophy or stadium.

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT:

Games activities and PE will be outdoors as the weather improves. Children will be developing bat and ball skills to increase their control and co-ordination, and showing knowledge of good practices relating to exercise, health and hygiene.

KNOWLEDGE & UNDERSTANDING OF THE WORLD:

Children will have the chance to find out about how they change and grow and will observe the

changes that happen to their bodies after exercise. They will learn about what constitutes a healthy lifestyle. They will continue to study the changing seasons as we move towards summertime, starting to understand the regularity of seasons through the year.

PERSONAL & SOCIAL:

Children will develop an understanding of relationships, behaviour and self control, discussing how to cope if they lose something or how they feel in different situations. There will also be an opportunity to find out more about being a good sport and being pleased for someone's achievements.

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

Don't forget you can help at home with daily reading, playing maths games and learning Jolly Phonics. You can also use the 'Espresso' website for lots of topic ideas and 'Oxford Owl' to support reading.