

## Forest School

Forest school enables your child to take appropriate risk to build their confidence, think critically to assess risk independently and further develop their gross motor skills. Your child will continue to learn the importance of looking after themselves, their friends and the environment. This term, we will be continuing to utilise our beautiful forest and participate in the following activities:

- Plant seeds and understand the process of growth
- Exploring natural materials in the mud kitchen
- Explore minibeast and their habitats
- Create bird feeders and observe similarities and differences
- Develop teamwork skills via den building

Your child will have the opportunity to explore, engage and link their prior learning to practical activities.

To enhance the children's outdoor learning, RB and RT will no longer be sharing the Thursday session but have individual slots. The sessions will be on a Wednesday or Thursday morning and alternate weekly. On the first week back, RB will have the Wednesday slot and RT the Thursday.

Waterproof clothing and wellingtons are provided for your child to wear.

## Reception Summer Term

### Phonics and Literacy

Within the Summer term, we will continue the Read Write Inc programme scheme. We will be securing the Set 1 sounds and introducing Set 2 sounds. Writing opportunities will be available throughout the indoor and outdoor environments to encourage your child to independently imbed their phonic knowledge. You can support your child by motivating them to use their phonic knowledge at home. For example, writing birthday cards, shopping lists, thank you cards, labelling pictures and writing stories.

### Reading

Following the successful implementation of our group read, we will continue this in the Summer term. Once a week, your child will take part in a guided read session with the class teacher. We would appreciate if your child has their book in school daily - thank you.

Please continue to hear your child read at least five times a week. This will help imbed the skills taught in phonic lessons.

### Mathematics

This term, we are continuing to deepen your child's understanding of number and the different counting principles. We will be focusing on the following concepts:

- ♦ Number bonds within 10 - being able to explore, find and recall number bonds for numbers up to 10
- ♦ Double facts - explore numerical patterns and finding doubles of numbers up to 5
- ♦ Numerals - matching the numeral to its quantity to show its value. This highlights the connections between numerals and amounts
- ♦ Comparing quantities - exploring quantities within 10 and using mathematical language to describe them. For example - more, fewer, greater and less than
- ♦ Odd and even - exploring the pattern and connections within odd and even numbers
- ♦ Counting beyond 20 - recognising the pattern of the counting system to 20 and beyond
- ♦ Sharing - exploring how quantities can be distributed equally

### Home Learning

Homework is linked to our book of the week, a phonic focus or maths challenge. It is set on a Friday, to be returned by the following Wednesday please.

### Additional Ideas for Home

Below are some ideas that you can do at home to help further your child's learning.

- ◆ Play games encouraging turn taking
- ◆ Share stories and discuss their favourite part or character
- ◆ Take part in listening games, such as eye spy
- ◆ Introduce fine motor activities that involve playdough, pegs, threading painting, tweezers, cutting and pincer movements
- ◆ Encourage independence when getting dressed
- ◆ Encourage your child to have discussions and clarify their understanding by asking questions

### Useful Websites

Bug Club (Reading) - [www.activelearnprimary.co.uk/login?e=-1&c=0](http://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk/login?e=-1&c=0)

RWI (Phonics) - <https://www.ruthmiskin.com/en/find-outmore/parents/>

Top marks (Maths) - [www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?Subject=16&AgeGroup=2](http://www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?Subject=16&AgeGroup=2)

NumBots (Maths) - <https://play.numbots.com/#/intro>

### P.E

P.E lessons will take place every other week on a Wednesday. RT will start the term having the first slot with RB following the week after. Please ensure that all items are clearly named. Thank you.

We will be getting changed into P.E kits. Therefore we ask that you encourage your child to get dressed independently.

### Social Moral Spiritual Cultural

British Values and Spiritual, Moral, Social & Cultural (SMSC) aspects run all through our Reception curriculum. The children's emotional, physical and spiritual needs are fulfilled through our broad, balanced and enriched curriculum.

We will be continuing to work towards the completion of our Reception Cultural Capital Journey. We have collated fifty activities and events that we will be completing throughout the year.

These are linked to our core school values - more than me, healthy body, healthy mind, I see, I wonder, rise to the challenge, express yourself.

There is a copy of our Cultural Capital Journey in your child's reading diary.