



### Easter Stay and Play

We will be organising two Easter themed 'Stay and Play' sessions next half term. This is an opportunity for you to join your child in school and take part in some Easter craft activities. Both sessions will be identical so parents can choose which session they would prefer to attend.



### Reception Staff

**Mrs McCarthy** (class teacher - Rowan class)  
**Miss Bridgeman** (class teacher - Sycamore class)

Teaching assistants:

**Mrs Edwards** (Monday-Thursday)  
**Mrs Rumford**  
**Mrs Jacobs**  
**Mrs Waterhouse** (Fridays)



### Important Dates:

**7<sup>th</sup> March** - World Book Day.  
**13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> March** - Parents Evening.  
**2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> April** - Stay and Play.  
**17<sup>th</sup> May** - Sycamore class assembly.  
**24<sup>th</sup> May** - Rowan class assembly.

## Reception Newsletter

**Spring 2019**



### P.E.



We are continuing our P.E. sessions on Friday morning but as the weather improves we may try and get outdoors for some additional P.E. sessions. Children will therefore need some P.E. pumps or other outdoor P.E. shoes as part of their P.E. kits. Please could you check that your child's name is still in their school shoes and wellies as we have had a few pairs of mixed up shoes this term.

The children have spent this half term practising throwing and catching with different sized and shaped objects and will continue developing their small apparatus skills for the rest of the term.

## Literacy



This term we have been looking at some traditional tales, including 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' and 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff'. We will continue after half term by focusing on 'The Gingerbread Man' and 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. We will also be looking at the book 'Supertato' and on 'World Book Day' we will be taking part in some superhero themed activities, including 'superhero training school' and a hunt around school to find the vegetables Supertato needs to rescue.

## Phonics

We have now covered all the letter sounds and have been practising reading and writing three letter words e.g. dog, hat, sun.

The next step in phonics is to look at two letters making one sound together e.g.

sh

ch

ee

oo

ow

ai

oa

ar



## Maths

We have been practising using numbers to 10, including counting groups of objects accurately, recognising and putting numbers in order and solving problems. We have used objects to help us add and subtract. After half term we will begin by looking at money so any opportunities you have over the half term holidays to talk about or use coins with your child would be helpful in developing their understanding. Money can be a very tricky concept for children to understand as they don't have the opportunities to pay with small amounts of coins that children once did.

We hope you have enjoyed sharing the maths challenges with your child and we have enjoyed seeing some of the things they have been doing at home on Tapestry.



## Tapestry

We will continue uploading photos of things the children have been learning onto Tapestry. If you have not yet been able to log onto the system, please speak to us and we will send a new password link. You are also able to share observations of things your child has been doing out of school.

## Snack time



As for last term, we will continue to provide morning snacks and ask for a donation of £5 per term. This also covers cooking, for example making Chinese noodles for our snack to celebrate Chinese New Year. In the afternoons children may bring a piece of fruit from home. Please name afternoon snacks as sometimes snacks are getting mixed up.

## Forest Schools

This half term the children have enjoyed using our school outdoor learning area and we will continue using our school grounds to investigate spring after the holidays.

