



Reception Curricular Letter - Spring 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back and Happy New Year, we hope you were all able to enjoy the Christmas break. This half term our topic is '**Our Wonderful World**'. We will be exploring our planet and the various countries around the world through all our areas of learning and continuous provision for the first 3 weeks.

Then we will be looking at Chinese New Year and discovering more about Chinese culture. Chinese New Year is on *Tuesday 17th February (during half term)*, however, we be having a Chinese New Year celebration in Reception on the morning of **Friday 6th February**. The children are invited to dress in traditional Chinese clothes, something red (traditionally a lucky colour), or as an animal from the Great Race. We do have a few outfits in school, so please speak to a member of staff. We will be creating our own dragon to parade around school and tasting some Chinese food (please fill in the Forms to update any food requirements where necessary) .

The Half Term Ahead

Dates for the half-term ahead:

Bike Ability – Monday 2nd February – Friday 6th February – PE kit all week, please.

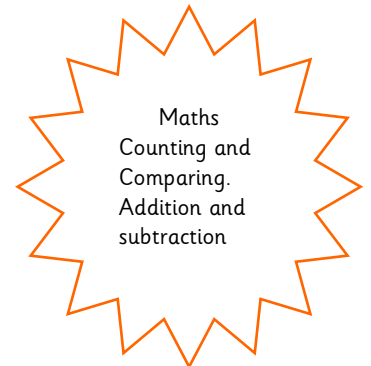
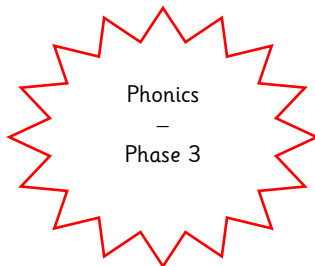
Chinese New Year Celebration Morning – Friday 6th February

Homework hand in date – Friday 6th February

Education Sunday – Sunday 8th February **9.45-10.30am**

Homework Celebration afternoon – Monday 9th February

Break up for half term – Friday 13th February



Days to Remember

Monday

Reading books changed.

Tuesday

Reading Buddies
with Year 6

Wednesday

Thursday

Funky Fingers/
Handwriting

Friday

Forest Friday
*(With the drop in
temperature, please
remember warm clothes)*
PE – children to come to
school in their PE kits.

Literacy

The children will be continuing with their daily phonics sessions through the Red Rose Phonics Scheme. Please continue to read regularly with your child at home, it really does help to consolidate their learning. In class we will be exploring a range of quality texts including fiction and non-fiction, initially based on our World topic (see above) and then we will focus on The Great Race for Chinese New Year.

Handwriting/Funky Fingers

This half term we continue to encourage fine and gross motor development through our 'Funky Finger' activities in continuous provision, whilst beginning to develop letter formation in handwriting sessions.

How you can help at home:

- Talk to your child at home and model good conversational skills such as listening.
- Talk to your child about the phonemes and 'tricky' words that we have been learning at school (phonemes can be found on stickers in the front of their reading records, tricky words on their bookmarks).
- Encourage your child to engage in mark making activities, and to hold a pen or pencil using a correct pencil grip.
- Read with your child at home on a regular basis, modelling book handling skills and storytelling language.

Mathematics

The children's mathematical development is furthered through whole class work, focused activities in small groups with an adult, independent challenges set in continuous provision and through play. During this half term, we will continue to develop children's knowledge of numbers up to 10. Children will also be exploring addition and subtraction, comparing and sorting, and patterns, through practical activities within familiar scenarios and continuous provision.

How you can help at home:

- Help your child to recognise the numbers 0 to 10 then 0 to 20 and spot numbers when you are out and about.
- Count a set of objects up to 20, encouraging your child to move each object carefully when counting.
- Talk about number bonds to 10 (these are two numbers that make 10 e.g. 5+5 7+3 6+4)
- Talk to your child about full, half full and empty.

Notes for Parents

- We kindly ask that you to upload your child's meal choices for the half term ahead on **SCOPAY**, to ensure they get their preferred food choices.
- Please ensure all belonging are labelled with your child's name, so if lost, they can be easily returned to you.
- If your child has achieved a special award at home or done something they would like to share with us please feel free to upload this to SeeSaw. These can also be brought into school on a Friday for show and tell. It is a great way to bridge the gap between home and school.
- Education Sunday – A celebration at St George's Church delivered by our school Ethos Group. We would love to see you all there. Please let your child's class teacher know if you are unable to attend. **Sunday 8th February 9.45-10.30am**

Bike-ability with Chorley SSP:

From **Monday 2nd February – Friday 6th February** Chorley School Sports Partnership (SSP) will be coming into school each afternoon to deliver Balance Bike sessions with the children. All equipment, including helmets will be provided. Please can you make sure that children come to school in PE kit all week, this can be leggings/joggers and a school polo shirt. On Friday 6th we will be having our Chinese New Year celebration, please could you send your child with their PE kit in a bag, so they can change into it after lunch for the balance bike session. Thank you.

Thank you once again for your support, if at any time you have questions or thoughts on your child's learning or well-being, please speak to any member of the Foundation Stage Team.

Kind Regards,

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