

Half Term Curriculum Plan: Home-Learning Letter



Reception, Summer 2nd Half Term: June 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Once again, I would like to thank you for your continued support during such challenging times. I hope you have found the learning set through emails and Google Classroom useful and enjoyable. It has been lovely to see the children engaging so well with it over the last few weeks. Here is a brief outline of some of the topics we will be covering in each subject, during Summer 2 Half Term. *Please note that the learning set will be the same for those children in school as for those children distance learning at home.*

For **Personal, Social and Emotional Development** we will be focussing on preparing for Year One by talking about change. We will continue with our Jigsaw Jenni lessons.

For **Communication and Language**, we will continue to focus on retelling stories and talking about our news. Communicating clearly with and listening to our grown-ups. Talking to our extended family and telling them about our day via telephone or face time, skype or other outlets. The children will develop their own narratives and explanations by connecting ideas or events.

For **Literacy** we will be focusing on the topic of 'Dinosaurs.' We will be reading stories about 'Harry and his Bucketful of Dinosaurs' and looking at and using non-fiction books. In the second part of this term our topic will be 'We're going on a journey!' During this topic the children will be thinking about travelling to different places and we will be reading 'The Train Ride' by June Crebbin

For **Maths** we will continue to focus on doubling and halving numbers, ordinal numbers to describe someone's position in a race, securing addition and subtraction through problem solving and continuing to practise correct number formation.

For **Physical Development** we will continue with ball skills and keeping fit through exercises and games.

For **Understanding of the World** we will create a simple map for a journey, talk about places we have visited on holiday and locate them on a map and look at different types of transport. We will also think about the features of our local area. We will learn about e safety.

For **Expressive Arts** we will use recycled materials to make our own dinosaur and our own form of transport. We will paint and draw pictures to go with our literacy books.

In **RE** we will finish off learning about the Church, Mosque and Synagogue. We will then learn about 'God' and 'Noah'

Other useful things to remember:

- **One of the most important things you can do to support your child's learning, is to hear them read on a regular basis.** You can access a wide range of e books by visiting the Oxford Owl website, these books are very similar to the ones we use in school. When your child has read an e book, they could also carry out the activities linked to the text. Use this link <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk> and the class login details you have been given.
- When reading it is beneficial to ask your child questions about the text as this will support their developing comprehension skills. It is also important for young children to hear stories being read aloud, this could be an adult reading a story to them at home or listening to a story being read on line e.g. Cbeebies bedtime stories.
- Don't forget **PE with Joe Wicks** is live at 9am every day or you can watch at any time via YouTube.

- Please visit your child's **Class Page**, on our School Website, for further resources and **useful web links**. **Photos** of some of the wonderful learning the children have been doing at home, are also uploaded to class pages on a regular basis.
- **Playing board games, doing puzzles or drawing/colouring** are lovely, calm activities to do with your child and are rich learning experiences in their own right.
- The current crisis is one of uncertainty and difficulty for so many people. Here are a couple of really good websites I would like to share with you; both are an excellent source of support. They might be of help and answer some of the questions your children might be asking at this time.

<https://www.place2be.org.uk/coronavirus>

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/your-feelings/anxiety-stress-panic/worries-about-the-world/coronavirus/>

Once again, I would like to thank you for your continued support during these difficult times. If you have any questions or concerns, please drop me a note via the class email reception@stmarysen4.barnetmail.net and Mrs Beechey or I will get back to you 😊

Kathy Lawrence

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