

# Summer Topics in Reception

Welcome back! We hope you have had an excellent time away from school over Easter.

For our final term in Reception we have got a number of exciting topics planned to wrap up the year. We hope these topics will help the children remember their year in Reception fondly as if it wasn't memorable enough given what a strange year it's been already!

We start the term with a topic about our Local Area. This is a place we have spent even more time in than usual in these past twelve months. We will discuss places of interest in Acocks Green and look at maps of the area. Also in this half term we will do a topic called Stories. Here we will focus on our favourite books and develop book-talking and storytelling skills with a library in our Middle Room based on the one in Acocks Green.

After half term we will look at a favourite TV programme of ours called JoJo and GranGran and we will re-create their home and garden in our Middle Room. The things that the two do together are seasonal and we will focus particularly on the summer time things they do.

## Prime Areas

### Personal, Social and Emotional Development

*Children will be encouraged to speak confidently to others about their own needs, wants, interests and opinions. Children will strengthen their friendships and begin to show more sensitivity to others' needs and feelings. As this is their final term in Reception we will be readying the children for their transition into Year 1 and the beginning of more formal learning.*

### Communication and Language

*Becoming a confident speaker by speaking in full sentences will remain a key priority. We will help the children express themselves effectively and show an awareness of listeners' needs. This is important in any year but especially in this one. Developing their speaking skills will be central to everything we do. We will be encouraging communication and language through imaginative play in the role-play areas and separate Speaking and Listening activities. We will be listening out particularly carefully to ensure children are using past, present and future forms correctly.*

### Physical Development



*PE will continue on its usual day in the summer term and will be led by class teachers. Just as important as gross motor skills are their fine motor skills and we will help them develop good control and co-ordination in small movements. Motor skills are developed through lots of the activities we set the children. Covered within this area of learning is an understanding of how to live a healthy lifestyle in regards to diet, exercise and hygiene (particularly important!)*

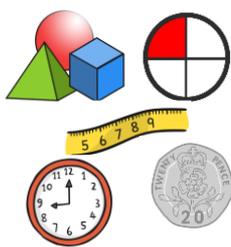
### English



*There will be opportunities for further developing the children's writing skills. As many are becoming more confident with writing individual words we will move towards writing longer sentences. New digraphs will be added and we will encourage the children to spot them in their reading books and also use them in their writing. We will also do lots of 'book-talk' and encourage children to tell and re-tell stories in their own*

words through story-mapping activities. We will continue checking the children's understanding as they read and continue to use Bug Club this term. The big thing as we finish Reception is to have the children read and write sentences sometimes independently and sometimes with support.

## Maths



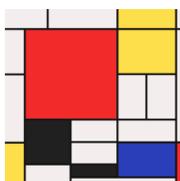
We will be working on number recognition, matching quantity to number, continue with addition practise and continue looking at subtraction problems. We will look at doubling and halving problems. The focus will move to being able to record these number sentences. A special focus will be on Shape, Space and Measure activities including time-telling, using money and learning names of 2D and 3D shapes. The children will have the opportunity to explore these concepts through role play as well as in teacher-led activities.



## Understanding the World

We will learn all about the world this term. We will take advantage of the good weather and make use of Sunshine Garden where we can. We will learn about the world immediately around us in our Topic work and conduct a number of Science experiments as well.

In addition to this we will be celebrating festivals and occasions that happen within this term including Eid-ul-Fitr (mid-May) as well as other typical end-of-school-year celebrations including Graduation as well as a (hoped-for) Transition Day at some point.



## Expressive Arts and Design

We will continue to sing and dance regularly. The children will safely use and explore a variety of materials, tools and techniques, experimenting with colour, design, texture, form and function. Our topics allow huge opportunities to be creative. Children will hopefully use and think of creating things in more original ways. All of these things are actively encouraged in this term as they have been in all others!

## Helping your child at home

- Encourage them to become more independent readers and writers
- Share stories and use Bug Club regularly
- Ensure correct tenses and full sentence use when talking
- Careful listening to instructions and act upon them.

Please continue to ensure your child reads at home every day and continue to bring their book bags into school **every day**. In order to assist your child (and teacher!) to care for his/her belongings, please make sure all things including uniforms and drinks bottles are labelled. If your child uses the internet at home please ensure they are supervised at all times.

We do our best to ensure your children are happy, if there is anything worrying you though please do not hesitate to ask.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Hussey

Mrs Hall

Mrs Corbett

Mrs Johnson