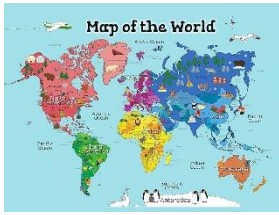


Reception Newsletter – Spring 1 2024

This half term, Reception's topic is 'Near and Far'. We will be learning all about the world and how we navigate around it. This will be what our world looks like on a map, what places are near and far, how we can get to different places using transport and how where we live is the same or different to other countries.



Near and Far



MEANS OF TRANSPORT

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

- Children will learn how to express their feelings and consider the feelings of others through the zones of regulation.
- Children will learn about personal safety around transport.
- Children will learn the importance of hygiene through daily routines of toileting and hand washing.
- The children will participate in brushing buddies, learning about oral health and how it is important in our lives.

Physical Development

- Explore Ball skills 2, understanding how we can control balls in a range of ways and use them in different sports.
- Develop fine motor skills through threading, playdough, and tweezers.
- Develop a pincer grip when writing through regular focused and non focused writing activities.
- Children to learn how to write their last name, writing letters learnt accurately.

Communication & Language

- Children will discuss how they celebrate during celebrations in full sentences, adding significant details through circle times.
- Children will learn new tier 2 and tier 3 vocabulary through the story of the week, reading, word aware and concept cat.
- Children will ask questions to learn more about near and far.
- Children will participate in role play, acting out well known stories and familiar events to them.

Literacy

- Children will continue learning how to write their last name.
- Children to learn how to write captions.
- Children will continue phase 3 phonics, daily guided reading, and individual reading within phase 2 and 3.
- Children to practise letter formation of lower case and upper-case letters through squiggle me into a writer.
- Engage in stories, identifying new vocabulary and retelling stories with this new vocabulary.

Maths

- Represent the numbers 0-8 with objects.
- Compare amounts of objects.
- Composition of numbers 0-8.
- Identifying one more and one less than numbers to 8.
- Identifying shapes which have 4 sides.
- Doubling numbers.
- Combining 2 groups.
- Mass and capacity.

Understanding the World

- Recognise that people have special places and these can be different for everyone.
- Explore the natural world around them through seasonal changes, focusing on Autumn and Winter.
- Participate in Science Tots to learn about science within the world.
- Know what a map is, how we use a map and create their own map.

Expressive Arts & Design

- Explore different drawing media to create their own transport pictures.
- Join in with weekly singing sessions and daily nursery rhymes and songs.

Optional Homework Activities

- Listen to your child read their books at least 3 times a week.
- Identify types of transport when travelling around.
- Have conversations about different places they have been or can see in books etc..
- Counting by rote and counting 1-1 with objects.
- Writing their first and last name.

Stories

- Martha Maps it out.
- A duck in a truck.
- The runaway Wok
- Whatever next
- Mrs Armitage's wheels

Songs

- A sailor went to sea.
- Twinkle, Twinkle chocolate bar
- To celebrate the Chinese New Year.
- Traffic light song
- Riding my bike.