# Spring term in Reception Topic: Traditional Tales and Spring has sprung



Literacy

In Literacy and Drawing Club we will continue to develop our writing skills focusing on pencil grip and letter formation.

(Ising our phonics knowledge, we will be focusing on writing simple words and Captions.

Through our guided reading sessions and story time we will be developing the children's love for reading.

We will be retelling and acting out our Traditional Tales through role and imaginative play.



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In Maths we will be focusing on subitising to 10 and exploring number bonds to 5.

We will be looking at odd and even numbers and exploring numbers to 10 focusing on the whole number and its parts. We will be exploring weight looking at heavy and light. Finally, we will focus on 2D shapes, exploring their properties and using the language of shape.

Communication and Language

This half term we will be focusing on our listening skills, supporting children to understand the importance of good listening. During Circle and Family Group time we will be listening to each other and responding appropriately to continue a conversation. As part of our 'Spring has Sprung' topic will be observing and describing seasonal changes and the changes that occur in the lifecycle of plants and animals. We will be learning new vocabulary to support these discussions.

#### **Phonics**

Children will take part in daily Phonics sessions. Please practice the sounds on the Phonics homework sheets at home. To support these sessions children will need to bring their Reading Bags to school every day.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This term we will be focusing on kindness and how we can consider the feelings of others, understanding why they might feel that way. We will be continuing to build positive relationships and look at how we can learn strategies to resolve conflicts that may occur with our friends and peers.

#### Physical Development

We will be continuing to support the children's development of their gross and fine motor skills. Our P.E. sessions are every Monday afternoon so please ensure your child has their kit so they can participate. We will continue to develop the children's independence in managing their self, toileting, and following daily routines.

#### Understanding the World

As part of our 'Spring is Sprung' topic we will be looking at the lifecycles of plants and animals. We will be exploring the lifecycle of a chick from egg to hatching. We will also learn how bread is made and have a go at baking our own bread inspired by the 'Little Red Hen.' Finally, we will be observing the seasonal changes that occur as Spring arrives.

#### Expressive Arts and Design

We will be retelling our traditional tales through role and imaginative play, creating props to support the stories. We will continue to master a range of artistic techniques and express ourselves through music and dance.

### Homework

- Children should be reading 10-15 minutes daily.
- Your child's reading book should be in school every day to allow staff to read with your child.
- Log onto NumBots and complete activities twice a week (see login details sheet)
- Complete homework tasks on seesaw (see login details sheet)

Homework will be given out on **Friday** and returned by **Wednesday**.

## Equipment

Your Child will need the following equipment in school every day:





Book bag

Water bottle





P/E kit bag

## PE Kit

Your child will need:



- White top
- Black joggers / shorts
- Black pumps
- Black zip-up hoodie (outside use)
- Black trainers (outside use)

#### Dates for your diary

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January – school reopens. Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February – Numbers Day. Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February – Safer Internet Day Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February – Friday16th February – half term

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> and Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February – Random Acts of Kindness Day Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March - World Book Day Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March – Science week

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March – Parent's Evening Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March – Poetry Day Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – end of term. Our class email account is checked regularly. If you need to get in contact, please email: rainbows@westparkprimaryschool.co.uk

Thank you for your continued support,

Miss Williamson Mrs Bansal, Mrs Dowdeswell Mrs Hussain and Mrs Embery

