

# Year R Curriculum newsletter – Summer 1 2024



## Belonging

## Respect

## Responsibility

In **Phonics**, we will continue to review the "Essential Letters and sounds" sounds that the children have learnt so far together with some new Harder to read and spell words.

In **Reading**, we will continue to share books as a class and in small groups. We will be reading the harder to read and spell words that we have learnt in phonics and spotting them in books. We will also continue to practice sounding out and blending words to read sentences.

In **SCARF** (Safely, Caring, Achievement, Resilience, Friendship), we will be learning about resilience, how we can help ourselves when things go wrong. We will also learn about how to keep our bodies and minds healthy with food and exercise.

In **Communication and language**: This half term we will be focussing on re-telling an event or a story. Through our stories we will continue to learn new vocabulary and use it in our play and in our everyday experiences. We will continue with small Key group time in order for the children to share their own experiences and practise good listening skills as well.

**Physical development**: In PE this half term we will be learning about Gymnastics for our indoor sessions. This will include basic gymnastic "Strong" body shapes- learning how to keep balance and poise. In our outdoor PE sessions we will learn the basic skills needed to play Tennis!

In **Mathematics**, we will be starting to explore numbers beyond ten. This will include building teen numbers, knowing that teen numbers are built up of "ten and some more". We will learn numbers beyond 20 and practise addition and take away within 20.

In **Expressive Art and Design** we will be learning lots about sculpture! We are really looking forward to making minibeasts from clay and other materials. We will continue our sculpture skills when we make our own veggie superheroes for our "Supertato" topic! We will also be learning lots about rhythm in our music sessions, focusing on pop and funk music and learning a song called "Big bear Funk"!

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**"Minibeast madness+ Look out, there's a superhero about!"**

In **Literacy**, we will explore stories about minibeast such as Snail Trail and Mad about Minibeasts; and non-fiction books about minibeasts. We will also read several supertato books. We will use our phonics and HRS words to write fact files, clues for minibeasts, speech bubbles and instructions.

In **Knowledge and Understanding the World**, we will be learning about maps and how to use them so that we can make a map of the best places in our school to find minibeasts. We will also learn about food from different countries around the world, focussing on fruit and vegetables that are grown in hot and cold countries. We will even have a go at planting some of our own fruit and veg!

## Welcome back!

We hope you have all had a wonderful Easter break! We are really looking forward to the new summer term and have lots to look forwards to! This half term we have two exciting topics- "Minibeast madness" and "Look out there's a superhero about". You may have seen pictures of our brand new bug hotel on tapestry, we really look forward to helping the children learn lots about insects and how to help our insect populations over the coming weeks. We are also very excited for our trip to Queen Elizabeth country park where we will become minibeast experts and learn all about insects and their habitats in the forest. In the second half of the term we will be reading the "Supertato" stories and can't wait to create our very own veggie superheroes to help make our own stories!

Thank you so much to all the parents that have already donated items for our new outdoor areas, these are well on the way to looking fantastic and we can't wait to get the children involved with making them even better! We will continue to work on the areas so if you have any spare items at home that may be of use please do come and see a member of the Year R team.

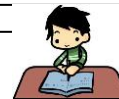
## Helping your child at home -

Please continue to read regularly with your child and comment in their reading diary, remember three reads a week gets your child a raffle ticket, the more tickets they have the more chance there is of winning a book token! We will always respond to comments and look forward to hearing how their reading is coming on at home.

We will continue to work on reading and writing the Harder to read and spell words already taught in phonics-this half term is time to consolidate this learning, as there are no new ones and no new sounds.

- Please support your children in learning these words.

## Reading



Learning to read is one of the most important skills that your child will develop over the next few years. The more support and encouragement that you can offer your child, the more likely it is that he or she will make good progress.

- Please continue to read regularly with your child, both with their school reading book, books allocated on ELS and their school library books. The more reading the better! The children will now know a lot of sounds covered through our phonics lessons and should be able to sight read most of our "Harder to read and spell" words as well. If you would like to know the sounds and words your child needs to practice (based on our latest assessment) please ask any member of the team.

## Dates for your diary

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April** - Trip to QE Country Park

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May** - Bank Holiday

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May** - Class Photos

**Half Term:** 27<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> May

**Inset Day:** 3<sup>rd</sup> June

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**Please** ensure your child's name is on **all** of their clothing, lunch boxes and PE kits. Children need to bring their book bag to school each day.

Our PE days have changed slightly. Our indoor PE session will still be on Tuesdays but our Outdoor session will now be on Thursdays. Please make sure your child comes to school wearing suitable clothing for this, preferably black jogging bottoms, trainers and a school top.

**Library day** -

Year R's Library day is Wednesday. Please ensure library books are in book bags each Wednesday so that we can return it to the library and your child can scan out a new book to bring home.