

## Reception Class Topics - Summer Term 2017

### Phonics

Your child will be recapping on sounds learned in their phonic sessions so far and learning to place these into words and short sentences. This is a daily activity after registration.

### Reading Activity

Every day your child will continue to be involved in a reading activity - this half term the activities include reading and discussing simple texts in a group with Mrs Bourne, reading/writing words and sentences with Mrs Peach, performing a story using masks, reading/writing on the ipad and playing games to promote the learning of alphabet names.

As reception children are expected to learn the names of the letters of the alphabet, as well as the corresponding sound/s, any reinforcement at home would be warmly appreciated.

### Writing

We are running writing workshops this half term on a Friday from 2.30 - 3.15, in the reception classroom, so that Mrs Bourne can explain how we teach writing with young children. It also gives you the opportunity to ask any questions. Your child will return to the classroom at 2.45 (after their afternoon playtime) and you will be able to spend the remaining time looking through your child's writing book and sharing a reading book with your child.

### Maths

Most of our maths this half term will be based around our topic. We will integrate time and measure into our sport and have shape as part of our continual provision. Keep sending in all of your wonderful maths you do at home onto Tapestry!

### Home Learning

Sharing a book/part of a book with your child, on a daily basis, remains one of the key ways that you can help with your child's education. It helps them to concentrate, listen, be inquisitive creative and access the rest of the curriculum at school.

By the end of the academic year we hope that your child will be able to write at least one sentence independently and read it back to themselves. In order to help your child with this then any reason to write at home is beneficial. They should be encouraged to use their phonics to sound out the simple words they need. Thank you to all parents that post their child's home writing on Tapestry.

Continuing playing with numbers up to 20 will be a great benefit to your child and again thank you to all parents who have posted pictures of their child playing number games at home.

Education City has many activities that your child will enjoy and learn from. If you do not have access to a computer at home then please use the ones in Yr 2 classroom on a Monday straight after school.

For the rest of the term we welcome Thomas Hardye CACHE student Cara into our classroom on a Thursday and Friday.

Thank you for your continued support.

Jo Bourne and the Reception Class team.

**Personal, Social and Emotional Development (Prime Area)**

In SEAL time the class will talk about how to express themselves and different choices people can make when feeling sad, angry and disappointed. They will also use talking, drama and puppets to consider changes that are happening as we become more independent.

**Mathematics (Specific Area)**

Children will continue to explore number, shape and measure through play. We will be looking at doubling and halving, connecting this with our small creatures topic. We will continue to learn to order numbers and say the number that is one less and one more than a given number - alongside ordering creatures by length and height.

We will be doing lots of adding and subtracting - using our small creatures topic to count legs, wings, eyes etc.

**Physical Development (Prime Area)**

Our Sports Coach will continue to lead PE lessons on a Wednesday afternoon. He will be teaching simple athletic activities and developing bat and a ball skills- all needed for sports day on 16th June.

Your child will be encouraged to get changed for PE independently this half term and to dress themselves again with minimal help.

**Communication and Language (Prime Area)**

The children are really growing in confidence with their communication and language. This will increase more over the half term with the puppet theatre being used as a guided session and the opportunity for children to describe their chosen small creature for others to work out.

Children are also given more opportunities to express themselves in front of the class as we start to think about preparing for year one.

**Literacy (Specific Area)**

Your child will be exploring non fiction books and information of the computer to find facts about minibeasts - creating fact files and filling in "spotter cards". They will have the opportunity to create their own superbug and to describe this in writing for others to read.

If I had wings ....



**Expressive Arts and Design (Specific Area)**

Your child will be designing and making masks this half term. They will be encouraged to express themselves using music and drama, connected with the half termly theme of small creatures. The children will have a short series of music lessons, run by a music specialist, starting in the last week of the half term.