

# Reception Summer Newsletter

This term we will be basing our work around the theme  
**We're Going on an Adventure!**



## English:

The children will be continuing guided reading during the week at school as well as reading one to one with one of our volunteers in school. Please try to hear the children read at least 3 times a week and write a comment in the reading record books. We do read them, and the children earn team points for reading at home. Thank you.

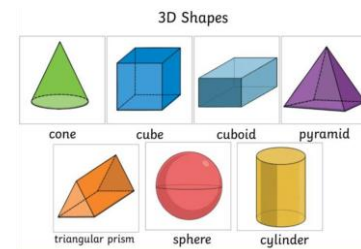
In Rocket Phonics, the children will continue learning digraphs- two letters together making one sound and tricky words. We will be working on developing the children's independence and stamina for writing as preparation for moving into Year 1 and using their phonic knowledge to write sentences.

In writing, the children will be creating their own mini books about 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt', creating and labelling maps, writing captions for photographs, writing information and retelling stories in their own words. We will continue to focus on remembering a capital letter at the beginning of the sentence, a full stop at the end and finger spaces between each word.

## Maths:

This term we will be:

- learning about and working with numbers above and beyond 10.
- Recapping on learning about doubles and halves.
- Learning about odd and even numbers. Building on learning about 3D shapes and names of the shapes: cube, cuboid, sphere, triangular prism, hexagonal prism, cylinders, and triangle and square based pyramids.
- Building on previous learning about time, measuring length and weight.



## Understanding the World:

*The children will be able to talk about the lives of the people around them and their roles in society. They will recognise some similarities and differences between things in the past and now, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class.*

We will be learning about St. George and exploring knights, kings, queens and castles. We will read stories and talk about the Coronation, over time, elements of this will be brought into our areas of provision ending with a whole school celebration. The children will look at familiar features of Otley using online maps and Google Earth. They will explore different maps and use these to create their own. Please help the children by talking to them about the Coronation and members of the Royal Family. You could also talk to them about where they live and any landmarks/ places they see on their way to school. You might use google maps to see if the children can spot the street they live on.

## **Expressive Art and Design:**

The children will be exploring the properties of a variety of materials and experimenting with colours and textures. They will have opportunities to use props and materials when role playing characters in narratives and stories.

Our role play area will be the playdough area and will have a Coronation theme with props added each week. They will also be encouraged to make their own props for the role play area.

The children will have opportunities to explore different maps and create their own using pictures and labels.



## **Communication and language:**

Children will be engaged in activities where information and story books are read aloud to them so they will extend their understanding and knowledge of the world by looking at photographs and pictures, showing different people and places from the past.

The children will have lots of opportunities to talk about and discuss books and stories related to our topic such as I'm Going on a Dragon Hunt, Prince George and the Dragon, We're Going on a Bear Hunt and various nonfiction books about castles.



## **Physical Development:**

This half term we will be focusing on the children's handwriting skills, ensuring the correct formation of letters, as preparations for moving into Year 1. The children will have lots of opportunities to develop their fine motor skills, through Finger Gym activities and messy play.

The PE focus this half term is ball skills and the children will be practising controlling and moving with a ball along with general skills of balance, travel and co-ordination.

*PE days will continue to be Tuesdays and Fridays; please can children come to school in their PE kit on those days.*

## **Dates for your Diary**

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May: May Bank Holiday  
Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May: Coronation street party  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May: Coronation Bank Holiday  
Monday 15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> May: Walk to School Week  
Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May: National Numeracy Day  
Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May: Break up for half term.

## **Time to Talk**

It would be lovely this half term if the children could bring in or email a photo of places they have visited in Otley for our time to Talk. Please support them by helping them to think about what they are going to tell their friends at school.