

Reception

This half term the children will continue to learn a variety of skills linked to their language, communication and literacy development. They will be given opportunities to work with partners and in small groups playing games and following instructions which should encourage discussion. Also 'show and tell' will continue every Friday. Phonic sounds will continue to be taught and the sound cards will be placed into their tubs to practise regularly at home. Their first word cards will be given next week which need to be practised regularly at home and will be looked at in school each week, once we feel your child is secure with these words then s/he will be given their first reading book; each individual child will progress with their reading skills at their own pace. High frequency words and tricky words will be used on a regular basis within the school day and some of these can be found in the back of their blue pathway book. Tricky words cannot be sounded out, children need to learn them by sight. We will also share a text together daily which will further develop their understanding of books and different texts. Please continue to support your child with his/her reading development and comment on progress in the blue pathway books; it is so important that we work together. The children will be encouraged and given a variety of opportunities to write independently whether it be on paper, whiteboards, outside with chalk or water, with paint etc, alongside being taught correct letter formation and word building. Please practise writing at home with the pencils given at parents evening.

For their mathematical development we will look at numbers up to 20 but focus on particular numbers that children are struggling with during group or individual time. Number formation will be encouraged both indoors and outdoors. We will continue to look at 'more' and 'less' than and begin to 'add more' to groups of objects and 'take away' to get 'less than' then compare amounts. We will also look at 3D shapes within our environment. Again use number cards regularly at home.

Our basic skills meeting is on the afternoon of Wednesday 22nd November, I look forward to seeing you there to discuss the expectations for literacy and maths and to give you an overview for these areas of learning.

The children's ICT skills will continue to progress with opportunities in the ICT suite, on the classroom computer and interactive smartboard.

The theme for the next five weeks is 'The 5 Senses' and we will focus on a particular sense each week. I will let you know what I need each week for our interest table, thank you for all your amazing contributions so far.

The last part of this half term we will focus on Christmas and the true meaning of this very important Christian festival; there will be plenty of fun filled activities for the children to enjoy together. We will shortly be practising our songs for our Early Years Christmas production which is entitled 'Mary's Knitting', we look forward to performing this for all of you.

This is always a busy half term but an exciting one too.

Mrs C A Parker
Mrs C Foster

Mrs J Aydeniz
Mrs C McGeary

Mrs J Fryer

Mrs A McNab