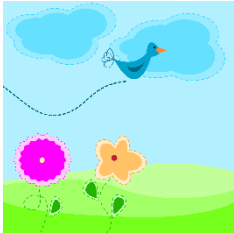




Highfield
J&I SCHOOL

Spring 1



Literacy

We will start Guided Reading this half term. This means your child will need to use what they are learning during their phonics sessions to read new and familiar words in books. Please visit the book box in your child's class and help them change their book on a regular basis.

How to help at home:

To read a book every single night with your child (older siblings can help too!)

Physical Development

We have PE every week in Reception. Children will need black shorts/leggings/joggers and a purple or white top. Children will also need pumps or trainers for when we go outside. To help children get changed it is helpful if they wear a white polo shirt with only 3 buttons, as their uniform on PE days. We learn the following skills: games/ball skills, gymnastics and dance. We have physical equipment out in the Reception environment every single day. **Please label all clothes with names.**

Understanding the World

This half term we will be looking at travel and different countries we could travel to. We will look at maps and think about how would we get to different places, could we walk, get the bus or would we need to go on an aeroplane?

How to help at home:

Show children pictures of different countries, compare them to where we live.

Phonics

Many children are moving on to phase 3 of letters and sounds. They will be learning digraphs-this is when two letters make one sound, such as "sh", "ch", "th" and "ing". <http://www.letters-and-sounds.com/>

Mathematics

We will look more closely at shape this half term, looking at 2D and 3D shapes. We will need to describe them by their properties, using language such as side, corner, edge, face. We will continue recognising and forming numbers 0-20.

How to help at home:

Talking about weight and capacity when cooking with your child at home.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will continue to follow school rules and how we behave in school. Children will continue to build relationships with staff and friends, listening to other people's thoughts and ideas when they are working together. Children will be exposed to new activities and encouraged to take part.

How to help at home:

Celebrate your child's successes and encourage them to „have a go“ when they are unsure.

Communication and Language

We will talk about and listen to each other's experiences, discussing how they are the same and how they are different. We encourage children to voice their opinions and how listening to others is very important too. We will be learning new and tricky words during our phonics lessons. We will encourage children to use these in sentences to help with understanding their meaning.

How to help at home:

<http://www.highfrequencywords.org/first-100-high-frequency-wordlists.html>