

# Reception Spring Term

## NEWSLETTER - W/C 29.01.24

### NEXT STEPS IN LEARNING THIS WEEK...

#### NEXT STEPS IN PHONICS

In Phonics, we will continue with the teaching of phase 3 letters and sounds.

GPC's  
ch / sh / th

Tricky Words  
was / my / you

### NEXT STEPS IN LANGUAGE

Our focus this week is - linking sentences using 'because'  
Why is this important?-  
'Because' is one of a range of words used to expand sentences by adding information, and in this case, justifying ideas/thoughts/decisions. By using words like 'because' (e.g. 'then', 'after', 'that') children are able to expand their grammatical skills too.

### NEXT STEPS IN MATHS

Focus: Composition

This week, the children will continue to engage with activities that develop their understanding of composition, or the numbers within numbers.

A key focus will be on exploring ways to represent numbers using the Hungarian number pattern (die pattern). These key representations will help to underline the '5-ness' of 5, and provide structures that will support exploration of its composition and its relationships with other numbers. The children will secure their understanding of the pairs of numbers that make 5, and then use double dice frames to begin to explore 6 and 7 as numbers that are composed of '5 and a bit'.

### NEXT STEPS IN LITERACY

This week during our weekly handwriting session, we will reinforce the correct pencil grip and learn to correctly form the robot letter b.

In Literacy, we will continue to retell our key text, Polar Bear, Polar Bear using words and actions.

This week we will use our phonic knowledge to write a simple sentence about polar animals.

## NEXT STEPS IN TOPIC

Over the next two weeks, we will be learning about how animals and humans adapt to living in cold environments. We will first look at how we adapt to during the winter months, then look at how animals adapt and finally we will look at how animals and people adapt to living in the Arctic. We will compare and contrast what is it like living in Greenland and in Darwen.

We will use maps and a globe to locate Greenland.

## NEXT STEPS IN PERSONAL & SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT - JIGSAW

This week during our Jigsaw unit "Dreams and Goals", we will be exploring - Obstacles and Support. We will be discussing how we can use kind words to encourage and support people

## RECEPTION ASSEMBLY

On **Wednesday 7th February** it is the turn of the Reception pupils to present their assembly. The assembly is an opportunity to showcase some of the learning that has taken place within our Reception unit. The assembly will start at 2.50pm and will take place in the main school hall. Access to school will be through the doors near the school kitchen. We look forward to seeing you there.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Wednesday 24th January – Class 1N assembly (2.50pm)
- Thursday 25th January – Class 5S assembly (2.50pm)
- Wednesday 7th February – Year 5 trip to Jodrell Bank
- Wednesday 7th February – Reception assembly (2.50pm)
- Thursday 8th February – Class 4B assembly (2.50pm)
- Thursday 8th February – Parents' Evening (3.30-8.00pm)
- W/C Monday 12th February – Half Term Holiday
- Monday 19th February – Return to school

*Have a lovely week.  
The Reception Team*

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