

# Reception Summer Term 2019 Curriculum Newsletter



Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you have all had a good Spring Bank holiday. I can't believe we have come to the last half term of the year and it promises to be a very busy few weeks! We will be spending our last half term learning about Space and Superheroes.

On **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July**, we will be going to Nell Bank for the day with our buddies. We will walk to Nell Bank with our buddies and the children will need to **be collected from Nell Bank**. I would like a few parents to help with the walk down to Nell Bank, if you can support on the walk from school to the centre, please could you let me know. Please note you are only helping with the walk and not for the day. A further letter about this trip will be sent out shortly.

Don't forget our **class presentation** for you on **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June at 9am**. It will be a celebration of your child's time in Reception.

## **Personal, Social and Emotional Development**

The SEAL (Social Emotional Aspects of Learning) topic for this half term is 'Changes' where we will be thinking about our time in Reception and looking forward to Year One. Our Learning Hero focus will be based on Rachel Reflective's learning powers. She is good at understanding the type of learner she is and knowing her own strengths and what she needs to get better at. Rachel is good at reflecting by thinking about what she has learned and talking about it. She also likes to improve her work by thinking about how she could make it better.

## **Communication and Language**

Communication and Language continues to be linked very closely to PSED where children learn to share information and opinions with others as well as listening to the ideas expressed by others in conversation or discussion, through circle time, stories or play.

## **Physical Development**

Children will continue to develop their gross and fine motor skills through various activities, exercises and play. In PE we will go across to the field and play games. Please make sure your child has their named PE kit in school and some pumps / trainers for outside.



## **Literacy**

We will continue to develop this area with our teacher activities focusing around writing based on our topic. For example, writing a letter to the aliens and describing a superhero.

Daily phonics, handwriting and guided reading sessions will continue. Remember to check the website to see which sounds the children have learned throughout the week and where we have got to with learning our tricky words (children will need to be able to read and write the tricky words).

Please continue to read with your child as often as possible as it remains a focus to promote a love of reading and help to consolidate the skills they are learning in school. Remember it can be reading from their reading books, sharing a library book together or learning their tricky and high frequency words on the bookmarks you received, if you need a replacement bookmark, please let Miss Alston know.

## **Mathematics**

Children will continue to develop their mathematical understanding, skills and knowledge through opportunities to explore, play and practise. This half term we will continue to practise counting on in ones, twos, fives and tens with help from the puppets. Children will continue to



practise their number formation and knowing one more / one less of a given number. We will continue to practise simple addition and subtraction calculations through practical activities. The children will revisit their learning on money, telling the time, doubling and halving numbers and quantities. We will continue to develop our shape knowledge and investigating the heights, lengths and weights of objects.



### **Understanding of the world**

Children will be provided with a whole range of activities and learning opportunities to help them make sense of the world. Children will learn about our solar system, what it is like to live on the international space station and the first men on the moon. The children will continue to develop their programming skills by using the Beebots.

### **Expressive Arts and Design**

Children will experience art, model making, music, movement, dance, imagination and role-play activities to explore and share their thoughts, ideas and feelings. Children will have the opportunity to paint pictures of aliens and superheroes and use the construction resources to make space ships and superhero lairs as some of the activities. The children will also design and make their own superhero costumes. Miss Head will continue to work with the children for singing and music, where they will be composing their own pieces of music and learning summer songs.

### **Notices:**

- As the weather is improving please make sure your child comes to school with sun cream on and that they **bring a named hat to wear**. If you send in sun tan lotion, please make sure the bottle is named and it is only for your child to use. Please note that we are not allowed to put sun cream on children so they must be able to do this by themselves. **It is best if you apply sun cream in the morning to protect your child all day.**
- Please make sure that your child is always dressed appropriately for **all weather** situations and has a coat in school every day. Please also ensure that your **entire child's uniform** is clearly named to help avoid any mix-ups.
- Please continue to check the school website on a Friday to find out about the learning that has taken place in the classroom throughout the week.
- Also **please discourage your child from bringing in toys from home**, unless it has been a request for our Circle Time or Show and Tell. We do not want anything to get lost or broken.
- Remember to bring book bags in every day and reading books will continue to be changed on Tuesdays and Fridays.
- Keep sharing your children's WOW moments, forms are available in the cloakroom or from a member of the team or you can email them to [lucy.alston@benrhydding.bradford.sch.uk](mailto:lucy.alston@benrhydding.bradford.sch.uk).

If there is anything else that you need to know, please do not hesitate to ask.

Thank you for your continued support over the last year it has been very much appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

Miss L Alston, Mrs B Shaw and Miss C Head.

### **Dates for Your Diary**

- **Sportsday: Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June from 1pm (on the field).**
- **Our Class Assembly will be Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June at 9am.**
- **Show and Tell dates: Buckden Pike 7<sup>th</sup> June, Ingleborough 14<sup>th</sup> June, Pen-y-ghent 21<sup>st</sup> June and Whernside 28<sup>th</sup> June.**
- **Stay and Play: Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June and Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June**
- **Supertato Workshop – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June**
- **Nell Bank on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July with Year 6, more details to follow later in the term.**