

# What are we learning about this half term?

Firstly, we would like to thank all the families for coming to our 'Teddy Bear Picnic'. The event was a great success and we raised a grand total of £211.74. We are currently looking into how best to spend the money. Our theme for the first three weeks of this half term is 'China' where we will be learning about similarities and differences between cultures and customs. The remainder of the half term will focus on identifying changes that occur in the springtime and learning the Easter story and how Christians celebrate at Easter.

## Literacy

### As readers, we will be learning;

- That digraphs are two letters that make one sound and trigraphs are three letters that make one sound
- To describe characters in a story
- To decode regular words and read some common irregular words (keywords)

### As writers, we will be learning to;

- Write the same number of words as in our spoken sentence
- Spell keywords in our writing correctly
- Write sentences to tell a story or to give information
- Start every sentence with a capital letter and end it with a full stop



## Reception Class



## Mathematics

### As mathematicians we will be learning to;

- Add two single digit numbers
- Take one number away from another
- Solve mathematical problems
- Double and half numbers
- Use and learn language related to time
- Order familiar events and measuring time in simple ways
- Use names for solid shapes and describe them using mathematical terms

## Understanding of the World

- As geographers, we will be looking at maps to compare different countries and explore where we live.
- As scientists, we will look at the world around us and how it changes during the springtime.
- As historians, we will be identifying ancient Chinese customs that are used today to celebrate Chinese New Year.
- As computer technicians, we will be using age-appropriate apps and websites independently on the iPads and computer.
- As spiritual thinkers, we will be becoming familiar with the Easter story, exploring the importance of the Cross and learning what it means to be a 'good Samaritan'.

## Expressive Arts and Design

- As musicians, we will be making different musical instruments to accompany songs about Chinese New Year. We will be learning new songs to perform with Pop UK.
- As artists, we will be exploring how different media creates different effects.
- As designers we will be constructing by stacking blocks vertically and horizontally to make walls and enclosures.

## Physical Development

- As dancers, we will be learning to create a sequence of movements and move in response to music.
- As writers, we will be learning how to sit our letters on the line and form letters of a uniform size.

## Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- We will be discussing how to negotiate and solve problems that may arise in the classroom.
- We will be talking about how our own and others' behaviour affects others.

## School Value

- Our whole school value for this half term is 'Forgiveness'. Have a look at the suggestions on the reverse of the newsletter for ideas on how to reinforce this value at home.

## Routines

- P.E. will continue to take place on Fridays, Sport on Tuesdays and swimming lessons on a Wednesday morning.
- Regular reading at home and practising keywords is **very important**. Remember to keep a record in your child's planner when they read at home.
- 'Bug Club' books have been allocated for this half term to enjoy at home.