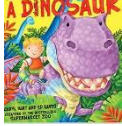


# Reception Curriculum Newsletter

## Literacy



This half-term our focus texts for literacy will be How to grow a dinosaur by Caryl Hart, The Queen's Hat by Steve Antony and To Market, To Market by Eman Anushka Ravishanka. We will be focussing on writing simple sentences by using capital letters and full stops. We will explore instructional writing and simple rhyming techniques.

In phonics, the children will continue to secure their knowledge of the set one sounds, and we will learn more set two sounds. We will be reading short words and sentences and work on hearing beginning, middle and final sounds to write short words and sentences.

Please take time to practice your child's phonics sounds with them and read each day.

## Dates for your diary . . .

Training Day	17 <sup>th</sup> April
Bank Holiday	1st May
King's Coronation Day	8 <sup>th</sup> May



## Summer one



Last day of term:

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May

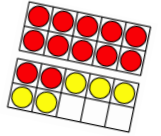
## Understanding of the World

During this half-term the children will be learning about significant people in history. We will learn about Mary Anning and will explore through art fossils and how they are formed by creating our own salt dough fossil.

There will be a big focus around the King's Coronation and our own Academy Coronation celebrations. We will explore the royal family and the coronation itself. During the celebration period we will look at the Queen's coronation and explore what people did on Coronation Day to celebrate.

Toward the end of the half term, we will look at jobs certain people have and will turn our focus to Florence Nightingale and the job that she did. We will begin to look especially at Nurses and Doctors and the important job that they do.

## Mathematics



This half term the children will be building on their understanding of number past 10. We will also introduce numbers 11-20 and explore the understanding the numbers in depth by looking at how we add and take away these numbers and also what counting patterns we can use. We will also be practising number formation

The children will also develop their understanding of shapes and will look carefully at positioning, matching and rotation of different shapes.

Please continue to practice counting with your child number formation up to 20. Number bonds to 10 and also recognising and ordering numbers to 20.

## Jigsaw (PSHE)

This half-term our Jigsaw topic is Relationships. The children will learn how families are all different. The children will learn about how to be a good friend and how to develop their friendships. They will also explore what bullying is and how we can solve conflicts with our friends by being kind and thinking of others.

The children will also recap oral hygiene and the role of a dentist. They will also explore how to create a balanced diet and which foods are healthy and unhealthy.

Talk to your child about the importance of brushing their teeth twice a day and why it is important to have a balance of healthy and some unhealthy foods.



## Art

This half term our focus artist is Wassily Kandinsky. We will be using various familiar and new media to recreate some of his famous pictures. We will explore using the computer to create one of his most famous paintings "Squares with concentric circles".

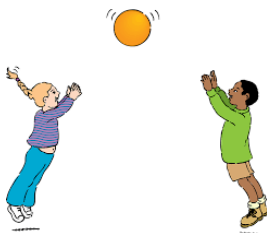
We will be creating our own fossil statues using salt dough and different clay tools to create effect.



## Physical Development

In our PE lessons we will continue our focus on ball control. The children will be practising how to send and receive a ball correctly. We will learn how to move confidently in different ways, and we will begin to learn how to react and respond to a ball been thrown from different distances

You can help your child by taking them on walks or to the park where they will gain strength and control. Playing with playdough, beads or threading are great for the fine motor skills needed for writing.



## Music



We will be listening and learning about different types of Funk music. The children will be learning to sing Big Bear Funk and revisiting other nursery rhymes and action songs

We will also explore adding instruments within these songs and will practise improvisation by using different style of voice.

Sing as much as you can with your child at home – songs are a great way to learn new words, understand melody and to have fun.



Don't forget to share any of your child's home learning or amazing achievements on our Seesaw platform- we love getting updates.

## Please remember the daily essentials:



Your child's book bag containing their reading record and any books they currently have. Remember to listen to your child read at least three times a week and record this each time in their yellow reading record.



A water bottle – please do not put juice in your child's bottle, only water please.



As the weather begins to warm up please provide your child with a sun hat and apply suncream before school.



PE Kits must be brought to school every Monday and will remain in school until the end of the week. Your child should have a plain white t-shirt and black shorts.

