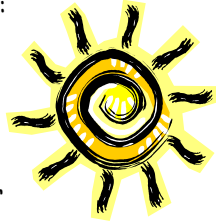


## WELCOME TO SPRING TERM IN RECEPTION

The staff in Reception this year are:



- ◆ Rebecca Gittins, Class Teacher
- ◆ Shainey Wasik, Class Teacher
- ◆ Sarah Cobb, Read Write Inc Manager
- ◆ Natalie Meiners, Early Years Educator
- ◆ Laurie Knipe, Early Years Educator
- ◆ Sherina Buchanan, Teaching Assistant
- ◆ Nazia Begum, Teaching Assistant
- ◆ Vivienne Li—Support Assitant

### Dates and Reminders

- ◆ All children are required to wear full school uniform
- ◆ Handwriting sessions with parents start at 8.50 and run until 9.10
- ◆ Please ensure all clothing is labeled with your child's name
- ◆ Please remember to provide your child with a coat. To enable your child to enjoy the outside area at all times it would be helpful to have wellies, a scarf and gloves.
- ◆ Please remember PE kits every Monday.
- ◆ Our last day of school before half term is Friday 15th February 2013
- ◆ The last day of Spring term is Thursday 28th March 2013.

## I will be learning...

### Communication & Language, and Literacy:

We will be building on children's phonics knowledge from the Autumn term and encouraging them to read and write independently. We will be focusing on using story language through stories such as 'Little Red Riding Hood' and 'The Gigantic Turnip.'



**Mathematics:** Children will be developing their knowledge of number, shape and calculation, including using addition, subtraction and division, We will be learning how to problem solve using resources such as weight and money. We will be recognising 'more' and 'less' and learning how to calculate the difference.



**Understanding the World:** Our theme this half term is 'the senses', as such we will be visiting the Soanes Centre for an 'Environmental Explorers' workshops and well as exploring other sensory resources by looking, tasting, touching and smelling objects in the classroom and outdoor area.



**Expressive Arts and Design:** Reception will be having drumming workshops every Wednesday afternoon, in which we will be learning African songs and rhythms. There may even be a performance for parents before half term.

**I.C.T.** We will be building on the children's existing ICT skills by developing their mouse skills and encouraging their independence when using age-appropriate software.



### Personal, Social and Emotional De-

**velopment:** Please encourage children to be as independent as possible when they arrive at school, within the classroom they will be working hard to follow the rules of the setting and building new friendships. This term we will be focusing of children's self-esteem children will be talking about themselves and developing a positive self image.

### Physical Development

We will be improving our spatial awareness and motor control. Children will be learning how to move their bodies in a variety of ways using gymnastics and dance.



**We will have P.E. on Mondays please ensure your child has a full kit.**

### Our Topic:

Our topic this half term is 'The Senses.'

# FOR MUM & DAD...

We work in partnership with our parents to make the child's experience in Reception a happy one. We encourage our parents to:

◆ Develop a good routine to ensure your child arrives at school on time.

◆ Ensure your child has plenty of sleep, we recommend bed-time at seven and

◆ **NO LATER THAN 8pm.**

◆ Make sure your child eats a healthy breakfast before school.

◆ Support your child to become independent by helping them practice taking on and off all of their clothes during daily routines.

◆ Please ensure your child has their reading diary and changes their book on the correct day.

## Parent Workshops!

Keep an eye out for letters regarding parent workshops, if there are any areas of your child's learning you would like help with, please let us know and we may be able to arrange a workshop to assist other parents too.

Parents will be invited in to discuss their child's interests and progress once every term. Parents evening is Wednesday 20th March 2013

◆ Show an interest in your child's day and talk about what they have been doing. **If you any questions just pop in and ask!**



## Things you will need in Reception...



### SCHOOL SHOES

Plimsolls or lace-ups. Trainers can be worn, as long as they are completely black.

### WEATHER

Please ensure your child brings a coat. As well as wellingtons, a hat, scarf and gloves when appropriate.

### A SCHOOL BOOK BAG

Please try NOT to bring rucksacks or large bags to school - space is limited!

J. BLOGGS

MRS KEMP

Please **remember** to label everything with your name - especially sweatshirts, PE kits and coats!



# Reception Spring Term

# 2013