

# Reception Learning Journey

Summer 1

## Communication and Language Development

This half-term is all about embedding previously taught vocabulary. It is also about developing all of the listening and speaking skills we have been working on so far this year. We will spend time on a range of circle-time activities which will allow us to both speak and listen.

## Literacy

In phonics, we continue to build on everything we have learnt so far. We will focus on our key targets of being able to read and write a simple sentence. In order to achieve these, we must make sure we are as secure as possible with all the previously taught phonemes.

We will also work very hard on our handwriting, ensuring that we are forming all letters correctly.

Our key texts are 'Where the wild things are' and 'Oi Frog!'

## Understanding the World

Our topic this half-term is 'Our Wonderful World.' We begin by focussing on our immediate world—where we live. We will explore maps and develop our knowledge of the terms city, country and continent. We will also look at different parts of the world, e.g. the hot and cold areas.

## Personal, Social and Emotional Development

As we come towards the end of our time in Reception, it is important to develop a sense of belonging and a sense of achievement. We will think carefully about how independent we have become, and we will consider what our new Reception friends may need to help them next year.

## Religious Education

We will be focussing on the topic of Pentecost. We will look in particular at how it feels to have good news, before turning to the Good News Jesus had for his disciples.

## 'Learning together in faith and love, we shine as children of God'

### Parents as Partners...

It really makes such a difference when you spend time reading with your child. At this stage, they need lots and lots of practice. Supporting them with their weekly homework challenge is also a great help. It would also be fantastic if you could talk to your child about where they live. Do they know their address?

### Enrichment...

Lots of walks around the local environment.

## Physical Development

We will continue our work with balls but will add equipment to bat, pat and hit. We will also begin to look at the importance of working well as part of a team by introducing simple relay races.

## Mathematics

We will begin this half-term by exploring numbers beyond ten. We will focus on the amount of tens and the amount of ones in each number which will help us to understand its value. We will then go on to look at adding and subtracting in more detail, before finishing with spatial awareness.

## Expressive Arts and Design

Our observational drawing focus will be landscapes, thinking in particular about the position of things in relation to each other.

In music we will be exploring songs from our local area.