



# Warlingham Village Primary School's



## Class Newsletter

Reception

Spring 2019

### **Welcome back!**

We hope you all had a lovely Christmas break and feel prepared for this New Year.

We look forward to hearing all about what you have done and looking at your Home Diary's and online observations of your various adventures and achievements.

### **Themes**

For the first half term our theme is **Traditional Tales**. We will be covering traditional books and fairy tales and considering how we relate to them. We will use these stories to inspire our learning in different ways.

In the second half of the term the theme will be **Spring!** In this time we will cover celebrations for the time of year, such as Mothering Sunday and Easter.

As part of the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum, all of the Early Learning Goals are approached and covered through our topics and through the children's self-initiated play.

### **Phonics and Handwriting**

Phonics will continue to support children in developing their knowledge and application of letters and sounds. The children will be exposed to different clusters and combinations of sounds to develop their reading ability into our Phase 3 progression of teaching.

Handwriting will continue to be taught and practiced alongside this teaching to support the children in writing words, captions and short sentences.



### **Reading**

The children will continue to develop their reading skills and advance through our wide range of literature at an appropriate pace and ability level for them. We will continue to try to listen to children once a week, but would really appreciate continued efforts to listen to your children read at home.

Books will still be changed twice a week- on a Monday and Friday. If you feel your child would benefit from remaining on the same text to build up fluency, please leave a note in the reading record stating this.

### **PSHE (life skills)**

We will continue with our learning through our Jigsaw curriculum. Dreams and Goals and Healthy Me are our topic titles for this term. We will look at our learning and development in relation to these topical themes to further our learning about ourselves.

### **Important dates:**

Dates will come out later in the term for when you can come and see what your child has been doing and have discussions with myself.



### **ICT**

*The children use the ICT suite on a regular basis but also have access to the classroom computer and laptops at other times. We have developed our ability to use a mouse correctly and navigate a screen. We will begin to develop more precise skills such as logging on and off the computers with support as we continue to learn our letters. We have some programmable toys, video and sound recorders that we show the children how to use.*

### **Physical Development**

*In addition to the continuous access that the children have to Physical Development equipment, we also have focused whole class sessions. These sessions take place on Monday afternoon and are led by a qualified sports coach.*

*We also do Wake and Shake sessions at least once a day, which vary in content and are loved by all the children!*

### **Homework**

*The weekly booklets will continue to focus on letter and number formation, with a move to consolidating other learning from our time in school. In addition to this, you will receive some advice on areas to cover at home in the weekly newsletters.*

*We have found the school blue book bags extremely useful in the past, as they come into class and fit in to available storage trays. By having a blue school book bag, the children's homework and reading books are always in the right place and letters and other information that may need to be shared with home can be put straight in them for home time.*

### **Any questions?**

*If you have any questions or need to speak to us about anything please do not hesitate in coming to see any of the Early Years Team.*

### **Mathematics**

*We will continue to enhance and develop our mathematics skills, looking at previously covered topics to develop them to higher complexities and deepen our understanding further.*

*We are focussing on the use of correct mathematical language and using this as a tool to develop our understanding of expanding topics.*

### **Wow moments**

*No more paper sheets to get crumpled and lost!*

*Now you are all pros at using the online journals we look forward to seeing your uploaded wow moments from home and trips away!*



*We will continue to read through these and discuss this with the children to celebrate their achievements and recognise that learning takes place both inside and outside of school.*

### **Show and Tell**

*Your child will receive a letter on Friday which will outline any themed show and tell for the week. The children can bring in an item from home that they would like to show and talk about or they can tell us about an experience they have had recently. The show and tell can take place any day on the following week and any items will be kept in the class cupboard for safety until it is time for your child's turn.*

### **Reminders**

*Home toys are not to come into school. We cannot guarantee they will return home or stay in one piece!*

### **Volunteers**

*If you, or anyone else in your family, have an hour or two free each week, we would be extremely grateful for additional help in Robins. Please let a teacher know if you can help so we can make all the necessary arrangements.*