



Reception OTTOWA'S



Useful Information



Summer 1

Topic: Growth



The topic this term is Growth. The children will be learning about what animals and plants need to grow and live. We will be looking at the life cycle of a bee, bean and other living things. They children will be keeping a diary about the changes they are seeing. They will plant seeds in our playground and caring for them.

Literacy



We will be learning about:

- Non-fiction texts
- Labels
- Lists
- Captions

The children will be exploring the difference between fiction and non-fiction text. They will also be reading seed packets and finding out how to look after their plants.

Phonics



This half term we will be continuing to work on Phase 4 which continues to build on the previous phases.

During Phase 4, adjacent consonants are taught e.g. fr(frog), dr(drip), nd(mend) as well as CCCVCC and -ed/-er/-est. These are introduced alongside the phase 2 and 3 sounds already taught in order to extend your child's vocabulary.

E.g.

Bench, splash, truth, string, train, green, fright, float, broom, crook, clown, spoil, burnt, stairs, picture, flower, stork, vent, jinx, better, mended, toasted, swooped, stacked, camped, ripped, pointed

Maths



We will be covering the following topics this half term:

- Building numbers beyond 10
- Continuing patterns beyond 10
- Spatial reasoning
- Match, rotate, manipulate
- Adding more
- Taking away
- Compose and decompose

Physical Development (PD)



Our focus in PE this term is: **Beat the Ball**

Children will be able to:

- To control a ball in a range of ways
- To throw accurately at a target
- To move a ball with control
- To catch and bounce a ball
- To kick a ball

Understanding the World (UW)



Computing:- Computing systems and networks:

Exploring hardware

- Understanding arrows
- Introducing the Bee-Bot
- Simple Bee-Bot Programming
- Understanding algorithms
- Programming a Bee-bot

Science:

This half term we will be covering the following:
Animals and Plants

Other Areas of Learning



Communication and Language:

This half term, children will be working on:
Making comments about what they have heard and ask questions to clarify their understanding
Offering explanations for why things might happen, making use of recently introduced vocabulary from stories

Expressive Art and Design:

This term, children will be exploring a variety of materials to create a bug house and thinking about what bugs need. They will also be experimenting with texture and form by using crayons, oil inks and plasticine.

Home Learning



Children should read for 15 minutes every night. They will be given two books each week. One is a reading for pleasure book, this should be read together. The other book is a phonetically decodable-banded book for your child to read to you.

Please return the books on a **Monday**. They will be handed back to you on a **Tuesday**.

Every Monday's your child will receive a Google Classroom activity they can complete online.

Home learning is handed out at the beginning of each term with a weekly breakdown with what we cover.

Core text

Our Core Text this half term is Errol's Garden



Language of the Half Term



Our language of the half term is Amharic

2.1% of families in our school community speak Amharic.

Poem of the Half Term



Our Poem this half term Monkey Babies By Irene Rawnsley and John Foster

Skills Builder



This half term we will be focusing on: **TEAMWORK**

Rights Respecting:

This half term we will focus on the Right to **HAVE FOOD**



Key Dates:

- 22nd April - Start of Summer Term 1
- 24th April - Year 5 trip
- 25th April - April Birthday Bash
- 29th April - School Uniform Recycling
- 2nd May - Washington (Y3) Class Assembly
- 5th May - Bank Holiday Monday
- 12th to 15th May - KS2 SATS Week
- 22nd May - School Uniform Recycling
- 23rd May - Ottawa (Reception) Class Assembly
- 23rd May - May birthday Bash
- 23rd May - End of Term
- 2nd June - Back to school



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