



## Reception Newsletter

June - July 2025

Sun. Sea and Safari



Welcome back to Reception! It's our last half term- let's make it a FUN one! We shall start off by learning all about the traditional tale of Little Red Riding Hood, learning the story through our Talk for Writing. Over the coming weeks in reception, we will be learning about the continent of Africa and all about the different cultures, clothes, food and ways of life compared to our lives in Leeds. We will also be spending lots of time looking at our plastic consumption and the effects that this has on our planet. We will have lots of fun experiences this half term that we can't wait to share with you.

### **This half term we are learning:**

- What a traditional tale is - a story that has been told and re-told for many years.
- Learn tradition tales from different cultures.
- Addition and subtraction for numbers to 10.
- To secure knowledge of number bonds to 10.
- To recognize and make corrections in our literacy work.
- That Africa is a continent, and that Kenya is a country inside Africa. We will also be learning where it is in relation to Leeds and how to get there.
- The similarities and differences between Africa and Leeds in all different aspects.
- About lots of tropical fruits that are grown in African climates.
- What 'weaving' is and what it is used for, including what traditional African clothing looks like and how it's made.
- How to look after the planet and why it is so important to reduce our plastic consumption to save our marine life.
- What the seaside is, what makes a seaside a seaside and what you can do at the seaside.
- How we can keep ourselves safe in summer and hot climates.

### **The children will:**

- Be able to talk about pictures of the seaside in the past and talk about the difference of features.
- Learn how to make a fruit salad using different tropical fruits from a different climate.
- Have a Kenyan creative context day where we will be immersed in Kenyan culture.
- Explore the traditional tale of Little Red Riding Hood in literacy lessons.
- Use their drama skills to act out a story using story sequence cards.
- Learn how to log in on the school laptops.
- Have a beach day to learn all about the seaside.
- Have a fun sport's day.
- Make tree face sculptures using clay.
- Do observational drawings of our goats and chickens.
- Using weaving skills to create a bird's nest using natural materials.
- Have fun on our school trip.

### **How to help your child at home:**

- Practise reading all set 1/2 letter sounds and using the letter rhyme to help your child to write their letters correctly.
- Encourage your child to zip their coat up independently.
- Encourage your child to put on their own shoes and secure them.
- Listen to them read at home as much as possible.
- Practise reading and writing the red words learnt in phonics.
- Encourage your child to practise ordering and recognising numbers to 20.
- Encourage your child to write simple sentences using their Fred fingers to sound out the words.
- Talk to your child about the environment they live in and how it is different from other places in the world.

### **Things to remember:**

Children in Reception will have a weekly outdoor learning session. Please bring in a pair of wellies with their name in. We do have a few spare if needed. We have a set of waterproof suits for each child to wear if it is wet but a waterproof coat in school is useful too.

Outdoor learning sessions: **Thursday PM**

### **Thank you for all your support!**

For more details, please see our website.

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