



Reception Curriculum News Spring 2 January 2018



Dear Parents and Carers,

We do hope you all had a wonderful half term and enjoyed spending time together as a family. Thank you so much to all of the children and grown-ups who helped to 'grow-a-pound'. Original ideas were thought of and the money has certainly grown! It has also been excellent evidence for the children's learning journeys.

This half term, as well as following their own interests, the children will have opportunities to learn through the topics of looking at people who help us and storytelling. We have started this with a trip to Shanklin Fire Station to experience the day in the life of a fire fighter.

At school we will be:

Looking at non-fiction books for information.

Focusing on games and ball control.

Continuing practise of writing letters and our names using the lead in stroke.

Identifying numbers 1-20.

Practising addition and subtraction.

Looking at the Chinese New Year; the celebrations, culture, beliefs and food.

Talking about people who help us.

Learning about how it is good to be me, focusing on what we are good at and what we enjoy.

Learning about celebrations and celebrating new life.

At home the children could:

Write their name clearly and with the lead in stroke.

Reading their school reading books with a grown-up.

Experience tasting Chinese food.

Make paper plate dragons, paper chains, paper lanterns, lucky red envelopes or lucky goldfish.

As a family you may like to:

Look at Chinese New Year activities and possibly visit Robin Hill's 'Spirit of the Orient'.

Talk about people who help us, such as the emergency services, family members, school, doctors, nurses, dentists, libraries, establishments within the local community.

During Spring Term 1:

The focus for this term was to share experiences of Christmas verbally, using related vocabulary to describe the wonderful times shared with family and friends. We also looked at fairy tales, in particular, *Sleeping Beauty*. May I again take this opportunity to thank all of you for your support and the fantastic entries on Tapestry.

This half term we have been ...

taking part in 'Mile-a-day' and 'Fitter Future' for the first time:



enjoying gym activities in PE:



thought of producing our own version of *Sleeping Beauty* and performed it in front of the whole school, family and friends:



and enjoyed receiving rewards for Dojo points:



Please remember to check Tapestry and the school's website for the latest updates regarding the children's learning and what we have been doing.

Many thanks as always,

Mrs Frances and the Reception Team