

Curriculum newsletter. Reception 2011

Literacy

- We focus on using the correct 'crocodile' pencil grip.

Sounds are taught through the Jolly Phonics scheme, one per day.

- We focus on correct letter formation .

Please look at the Jolly Phonic workbook we send home daily and practise the sound, its action and letter formation with your child.

- Each week we use a story as a focus for copy and free writing.

Reading books are sent home daily. Please share and enjoy them with your daughter. Sign her reading record daily please.

- To encourage confidence in speaking and polite listening each Monday we have 'Show and Tell.'



Thinking Skills

Each half term the girls are encouraged to use a particular thinking skills disposition.

A cartoon character is used to help the girls identify with this skill. This half term it is **PERSEVERANCE!**



Reminders

Please Please Please



Label **all** your daughter's belongings clearly.

Tie her hair back with blue or black ties and remove earrings.

Send a **named** box with a piece of fruit in it each day and plain water in a sports cap style bottle

RS

Girls celebrate 'special times' such as starting school, birthdays and baptism.

Harvest is celebrated in school. We look at how it is celebrated around the world.

We learn about each other's cultures and learn to respect them.



Knowledge and Understanding

This term's topics are called 'Ourselves' and 'My Body'. Girls learn about their facial features, their major organs, as well as the importance of keeping fit and healthy, and looking after themselves. We would like to invite anyone in the medical profession to come and talk to the girls and perhaps bring a few props! In the past this has been very successful, and we have had doctors, dentists and pharmacists.

ICT

The girls have access to the computers and Interactive White Boards within the classroom .

In ICT lessons we concentrate on mouse control, the space bar and keyboard skills using colourful infant friendly software.

Swimming: Tuesday

PE: Wednesday and Friday

Ballet: Thursday.



PSHE

Through circle time games, the girls get to know each other's names, likes, dislikes and hobbies.

We work on friendship and encourage all the girls to work, share and play together.

Numeracy

This term we will work on:



Correct number formation, recognition and accurate counting to 10 and beyond if appropriate

- 2D shape recognition and basic properties
- 1 more / 1 less than numbers to 10, or beyond if appropriate
- Coin recognition of coins to £1
- Height and width.

Music

Introduction to beat and tempo.
Singing.
Percussion instruments—using beat and rhythm.



Creative Development

Creative activities are set in all subjects to support the topics we cover in a practical, hands on way. The girls also enjoy cooking and sewing to develop their fine motor skills.