



Harvey Road School

Reception Class

Summer 2019

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to another busy term. This half term our focus will be Dinosaurs which will be launched with our exciting trip to Knebworth House where we will explore the dinosaur trail and meet a real dinosaur. In the second part of the term we will be focusing on traditional tales such as Little Red Riding Hood and Jack and the Beanstalk.

Please see below for our regular routines. If these change, we will try to let you know via the weekly newsletter. Please keep reading these as they give ideas of how to support your child at home and keep you updated of all that is going on in school.

Monday – This term the children will begin to learn simple dictation sentences, they will be tested on Monday mornings. Please return your child's dictation practice to school each Monday so that they can get a house point! We will send their test books home each week so that you can see how they got on. In the afternoon we will be checking the children's tricky word books for those children who have not yet completed the first 100.

Tuesday – In the afternoon we will be having outdoor PE (athletics). All children need a sweatshirt in their team colour for this lesson, these are also vital for the Sports Day and Swimming Gala events.

Thursday – Thursday morning is our library session. Please ensure that your child's library book is in their book bag each Thursday – unfortunately we are unable to change library books on any other day. Reading books from the library is a valuable way to support your child's reading and encourage a love of books.

Friday – On a Friday afternoon we hear individual readers, reading books should be in school every day and especially on a Friday.

After half term we will be swimming in the school pool twice a week, day and time to be confirmed.

Literacy

In daily phonics we will segment sounds in words and blend them, link sounds to letters, name and sound the letters of the alphabet and read and write words together. We will be revising the Phase 3 Phonic sounds and tricky words as well as beginning to look at the phase 4 blends and tricky words.

We will be doing lots of writing this term, consolidating all that we have learnt so far in a variety of different contexts such as: letters, stories, fact sheets, labelling and lists

Communication and Language

We will be continuing with our daily communication and language development slot in the timetable. We will be singing and chanting rhymes. We will have regular storytelling and opportunities to share our ideas together. We will also continue to have opportunities for children to share their experiences at home through their 'ask me about' stickers – children should be aiming to have one sticker a week

Mathematics

Each week we will continue to do maths challenges focusing on all areas of maths including: addition, subtraction, doubling, halving, sharing, shapes and their properties, weight, capacity, time and measure.

Understanding the World

We will be planting seeds and looking at change and growth and what is needed to make plants grow. The children will continue to work on our EYFS raised vegetable patch where we are currently growing peas and strawberries.

We will also be talking about the ways in which we can look after the planet through the book 'Dinosaurs and all that Rubbish

We will continue to use the iPads and laptops to explore purple mash and other apps linked to our topics as well as using the beebots to learn about simple coding and programming.

We will continue to look at religious stories and talk about common traditions. (Please continue to share with us if you and your child are celebrating any particular festivals or occasions as this a fantastic way for children to learn about each other's culture).

Expressive Arts and Design

We will continue to sing a variety of songs linked to our topics. The children will have access to musical instruments to encourage them to experiment with ways of expressing themselves. They will be painting, drawing and modelling using a range of medium to fit in with all of our topics.

Physical Education

In the first half term we will be practicing our athletic skills on the field in preparation for Sports Week. In the second half term we will be swimming in our outdoor pool.

We will talk about healthy eating and how to keep ourselves clean. Fine motor skills are practiced for 20 minutes on a daily basis through 'Busy Fingers' activities.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will focus on recognising and managing our feelings this term. We will be looking at facial expressions and identifying times when the children have felt excited, proud, angry, worried. We will continue to encourage children to resolve conflicts independently using appropriate vocabulary and responses. We will also be looking at sharing things; what is appropriate and what is not. We will celebrate kindness, helpfulness and good manners through new weekly certificates.

Useful Dates for Reception Class Parents

April:

Tues 30th Trip to Knebworth House

May:

Wed 15th 9am Stay and Play

w/c 20th Sports & Creative Week

Fri 24th 9.15 Sports Day followed by family picnic

Mon 27th- Fri 31st May– Half term

June:

Mon 3rd INSET day

Wed 5th Dental talk to the children from the school nurse

Tues 18th Class Photos

Thurs 27th Careers day

July:

Tues 2nd Reports Home

Sat 6th School summer fair

Fri 12th Swimming Gala

Mon 15th 9.10 EYFS Assembly to parents on the outside stage (weather permitting)

Thurs 16th 6-8pm Celebration Evening (a chance to meet the year 1 teacher)

Fri 19th End of term 2.30pm finish