

# Year Group Information Sheet for Parents – Reception Spring 1



In Reception, our reading canon books are *One Snowy Night* by Nick Butterworth and *Greta and the Giants* by Zoe Tucker. Both of these books allow us to learn about the animals which live in different habitats, whilst finding out how we can help our local wildlife and environment. Find out more details below!

In **English**, we will learn to write sentences, applying our phonics to spell words and learning to spell some words accurately, such as our 'red' words and high frequency words. We will write instructions and descriptions based on the characters and events in our books.

In **Mathematics** this half-term, we will grow our understanding of number by looking at different ways to compose numbers to 10. We will learn to add by combining groups.

## In our Topic-driven afternoons we will be:

### History

We will be looking at photos of different historical places within Pontefract, such as Pontefract Castle, and using these to talk about and understand our local environment.

### Geography

In Geography, we will be learning about the different physical features of our local environment. We will compare rural and urban environments, whilst finding out how to protect nature.

### Science

In Science, we will be learning about the habitats of different animals, particularly those who live in the woodland environment. We will also learn about seasonal changes as we experience the winter months, observing changes of state as we explore melting and freezing.

### Art & Design

In Art, we will be looking at the work of landscape artist, David Hockney, and create our own woodland scenes inspired by his work. In DT, we will learn to create sliding mechanisms and add moving animals to our woodland scenes.

### PSHE

In PSHE, we will be learning to talk about different feelings and explore healthy ways to express our emotions. We will also learn how to stay safe when using different devices, such as iPads, as part of Internet Safety month.

### Music

In Music, we will listen to Chinese Music and learn to perform a dragon dance in celebration of Chinese New Year.

### RE

In RE, we will explore the traditions associated with Chinese New Year and compare these to how we celebrate different events.

### PE

Our lessons this half-term will focus upon dance. We will learn to copy, create and remember different patterns with parts of our body, exploring different directions and levels. PE will continue to be every **Tuesday**.

## You can help your child's learning by:

- ✓ Talking to me about the topics I've been learning in school.
- ✓ Reading me a story at bedtime and talking to me about it.
- ✓ Helping me practise my sounds/blending/reading each night.

## Homework:

- Your child is expected to read at home daily for 5 – 10 minutes. Your child will be given reading material suitable for their current stage. This may include:
- QR codes with links to phonics videos to teach your child the sounds.
  - Blending practice sheets to support oral blending.
  - A reading book with printed words

**Reception Teacher:** Miss Brook

**Other adults:** Mrs. Lane, Mrs. Spence and Mrs. Abdy

Please write a comment in your child's Reading Record and return these on Mondays and Fridays so new reading material can be provided.