

How can you help your child?

With their learning...

- Talk with your child about their school work, topics and the world around them.
- Hear your child read regularly and practise their sound books and word boxes daily to help them retain their phonic sounds.
- Please check your child's planner daily and sign every week so that we know that all communication between home and school has been shared.
- Details of homework set and dates to be returned can also be found in planners.
- Visit the library and help your son/daughter to choose books to read for pleasure and to support their topics.
- Encourage them to use Mathematics at home on a tablet or computer.

With practical issues...

- Ensure that your child comes to school dressed in their PE kit – RLK Wednesday, RNP Friday
- Please ensure that you provide your child with a bag of spare clothes clearly labelled.
- Children should wear correct school uniform.
- Children should not wear nail varnish or jewellery (other than a watch and / or stud earrings) for school.
- Don't forget that if your child wishes to have their ears pierced, the best time is the beginning of the summer holidays as it is Dudley policy that children cannot wear any kind of earrings during PE lessons.
- Long hair should be tied up for safety reasons.
- Please ensure that all uniform is marked with your child's name.

Literacy

This term we will be exploring the topic 'Out of this world' and learning all about the wonders of Space and about people who help us!

Children will continue to have daily phonics sessions and are now encouraged to use these new sounds when writing.

Children will continue to bring home their Little Wandle book, which is matched closely to their phonic ability each week and the same eBook will also be set. Children are expected to read this book at home to work on their fluency skills.

Understanding the World

Throughout this term, children will be learning all about Space. We will also be thinking about people who help us and different occupations. If you would like to talk to the class about your occupation, please write a note in your child's planner.

As well as the above topics we will be looking at the celebration of Easter and Chinese New Year. We will be focussing on how life in China differs from our own.

Article 24 and 27

Communication and Language

This subject links closely with Literacy, PSED and RRSa. RRSa is a school initiative where children learn about the rights every child has, and how to respect them.

We will be encouraging children to listen to stories without pictures or prompts and then be able to respond to questions about the story.

We will also be learning about how to listen to each other's thoughts and ideas and respond to them. This will be done through circle time altogether as a class and by using talking partners.

PSED

The children will be looking at the themes of self-regulation and changes, and exploring the emotions of others. They will also continue to learn about Rights Respecting. Children will explore some of the articles contained in the convention booklet.

Article 27 and 28

Expressive Arts and Design

Children will have the opportunity to use a range of tools and materials this term influenced by our topic, as well as learning about different musical instruments and their properties and uses. They will also be learning how to act out stories such as the story of Chinese New Year.

Article 29 and 31

RECEPTION NEWSLETTER

This term we are going to be learning all about Space and People Who Help Us! We will also be looking at and celebrating Easter and Chinese New Year.

This newsletter briefly outlines what children will be learning about in each subject and give examples of how you might be able to help your child at home.

Mr Kimberley & Miss Postings

Article 28

Maths

We will be covering the subjects of number and calculations (addition and subtraction) this term. Children will now be securing their knowledge of numbers up to 10 and beginning to learn the value of numbers up to 20. We will also begin to cover number bonds to 5 and 10, children need to be able to recall these from memory. Children will also be learning about weight and measures. We will be talking about and comparing capacity and mass.

Can you please ensure your child completes their weekly maths homework on the Mathletics website.

Physical Development

Children will be focusing on their fine and gross motor skills. They will also be learning about how to keep safe throughout school and how to stay fit and healthy. You can help your child at home to develop fine motor skills by encouraging them to dress themselves independently,

P.E.: Takes place on Wednesday (RNP) and Friday (RLK) mornings. This half term the children will be working on their gymnastic skills and using a range of gymnastic equipment. After half-term we will then progress to Dance and movement skills. Please continue to ensure that long hair is tied back and that no jewellery is worn on these days.