



## HERITAGE PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Reception Parents

We hope you have all had a great Easter break. We look forward to another busy term in school as we begin to prepare for the transition into Year 1. Below, you will find a summary of our topics for the Summer term.

In Reception this term, our focus is <i>Minibeasts</i> followed by <i>We are all Unique</i> .	
Communication and Language	This term, we will continue to work on our communication and language skills through class-based discussions and small group work. We will continue to work on our speaking skills, with a particular focus on using full sentences when talking. We will be working on using past, present and future tenses correctly in our speech through careful modelling by the adults in our class. We will also continue to introduce new vocabulary that we find in stories in class.
Personal, Social and Emotional Development	Our first PSED topic this term is <i>Keeping Safe</i> . We will learn all about trusted adults and who we can talk to if we need help. We will be learning how to risk assess so that we can plan ahead to keep ourselves safe in places such as the park and in school and learning to use our safety eyes and ears. We will also be talking about strategies for if we ever get lost and how to deal with this in a safe and sensible manner. Our next topic will be <i>Healthy Lifestyles</i> where we will be learning all about how to keep our body healthy. We will learn about healthy foods and how to have a balanced diet as well as learning about exercise and how this keeps us healthy. We will also be talking about healthy choices and how we can maintain a healthy lifestyle.
Physical Development	This term, we will continue to have PE on a Thursday and Friday. Our Thursday session will be an outdoor session so please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather including sun cream and sun hats as the weather warms up as well as trainers. Please also ensure that your child has a water bottle with them containing water (no juice please) every day, but on PE days especially. We will aim to enhance our throwing and catching skills and hand-eye coordination through outdoor games. Our Friday sessions will be indoors and will focus on balance, coordination and agility.



<p>Literacy, including reading, writing and phonics.</p>	<p>This term, we are splitting our phonics sessions into smaller group sessions. We will also be adding an additional phonics session into our timetable where one session will focus on learning new sounds and reading words and sentences and the other will focus on writing skills and letter formation. We will also be learning the Phase 4 tricky words which have already been stuck into your sound books. You can find a timetable on Tapestry which will inform you of the new sounds and words being taught each week.</p> <p>In our literacy lessons, we will be focussing on writing stamina this term as we prepare to move into Year 1. We will be working on using our sounds to phonetically spell the words we wish to write and creating sentences around a theme. We will be supported by an adult to do this in our Literacy lessons and encouraged to write throughout the day in our continuous provision time.</p>
<p>Mathematics</p>	<p>We will be focussing on developing our knowledge of numbers up to 20. This includes counting to 20 and beyond and understanding the composition of each number (e.g. 17 is 1 ten and 7 ones). We will also be working on addition facts to 20 including number bonds. We will then be learning how to count in 2's up to 20 as well as working on doubling and halving numbers. We will also be learning about even and odd numbers and being able to recognise these numbers. We will continue to work on our knowledge of shapes and patterns this term including the properties of both 2D and 3D shapes.</p>
<p>Understanding the World</p>	<p>This term, our topic is minibeasts. We will be learning all about different minibeasts and have the chance to explore their habitats around our playground and field. We will read a range of non-fiction stories about minibeasts to build up our understanding and be able to investigate and learn more about some of our favourites.</p> <p>During the second half term, we will be learning all about different cultures and countries. Through carefully selected texts, we will compare our lives in England with those on different continents, for example Africa and Asia.</p> <p>Throughout the term we will continue to learn about and celebrate different religious festivals.</p>
<p>Expressive Arts</p>	<p>Our workshop area this half term will have a minibeast focus with the children being encouraged to make a variety of minibeasts for our displays in the classroom. Our painting area still remains popular and we will be encouraged to use this regularly. As the weather gets warmer, our mud kitchen will be open for us to explore and we will continue to provide access to our large construction shed for us to build from.</p>
<p>Music</p>	<p>Mrs Woolf will continue to teach music this term where we learn lots of new songs and rhymes whilst learning new musical concepts such as loud and quiet, high and low, smooth and jumpy. We will also be learning lots of short rhythms.</p>

If you have any questions, please send them to: [office@heritagepark.peterborough.sch.uk](mailto:office@heritagepark.peterborough.sch.uk) and these will be forwarded to the class teacher. Please do not contact teachers via the google mail service linked to Google Classroom as these are not in use.

Kind regards

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Miss Smith and the Reception Team.