

Special Events and dates for your diary this term:

Coffee Morning (for parents with English as an additional language)

Tuesday 10th December at 8.30

Winter Fete

Friday 13th December

Production Performances

Tuesday 17th December

Wednesday 18th December

Class Christmas Parties

Thursday 19th December

School Visits and Outings:

Friday 6th December

Pantomime at Fairfield Hall.

P.E. Kit Days:

Tuesday & Thursday

Please can the children come to school dressed in their PE kit. However, due to the wet please allow children to change into their PE shoes at school.

Homework:

To be handed out and collected every **Thursday**.

Phonics / writing

High Frequency Words

Maths

Speaking & Listening (please help your child to learn their lines and the songs for the Christmas performance)

Throughout this term children will continue to take home one reading books and one story book which will be changed once a week.

Outside Learning:

We will encourage children to use our outside area in most weather. Please ensure they have warm coats, hats, gloves and scarfs.

ARK Oval Primary School

Curriculum Outline Autumn 2013



Year Group: Reception

Personal Social and Emotional Development

We will be looking at our similarities and differences through celebrations and traditions.

We will continue playing ring games to help strengthen and expand the children's friendship groups. We will also explore different feelings through our relationships with one another, and help children express their own needs and wants in appropriate ways.

Communication and Language

Our core rhymes this term are:

Tommy Thumb and 1,2, 3, 4, 5 Once I caught a fish alive.

All children will be expected to learn and sing these rhymes.

The children will be share-reading traditional tales and will be encouraged to these stories in their own words.

Children will be given lots of opportunities to practise their speaking and listening skills for example, sharing information about their traditions and celebrations. We encourage our children to speak like scholars by using full sentences.

Literacy

Phonics - Most children will be focusing on blending sounds into words (reading) and segmenting simple words into sounds (writing). Some children may need to revisit the sounds we have learnt while others will be ready to learn a new set of sounds.

Writing - The children will be given lots of opportunities to write e.g. wish lists, greeting cards, letters to Santa, invitations and recipes.

Reading - We will share read a range of books to encourage children to understand English reading conventions and reading strategies. We are focusing on Traditional Tales and stories of Celebration.

Mathematics

The children will be focusing on counting, recognising, and writing numbers to 20.

We will be exploring the language of more and fewer by finding one more and one less than a given number. We will also begin simple addition and subtraction problems.

We will be exploring shapes and patterns in our environment. Sequencing daily events and calendar maths.

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Physical Development

Throughout the term we will talk about the importance of having good health through physical exercise.

We will develop fine motor skills through cutting and mark making activities. We will also learn how to manipulate clay and shaping tools to make divas.

Understanding the World

The children will learn about different cultures and celebrations e.g. Remembrance, Diwali, Guy Fawkes Night and Christmas.

We will explore light and day through stories such as Owl Babies and Day Monkey, Night Monkey. Children will also be able to explore the difference between night and day. Through making Dens.

We will also be exploring pattern and change by looking at the weather.

Expressive Arts and Design

This half term we will explore colour, form, shape and pattern through the different festivals. We will create Rangoli patterns, Firework art, Christmas wrapping paper and clay divas.

In our role play areas we will re-enact Christmas traditions such as eating Christmas dinner, decorating the Christmas tree and visiting Santa. We will also pretend to be Santa's little helpers in Santa's workshop and deliver present on his sleigh.

**Challenge Week:
Let's Celebrate Diversity.**