

# Toftwood Infant School Information for Parents

With this 'information for parents' booklet, you will find a plan to show the big picture of the work Reception children will be doing in Spring 2. Please share this with your child before the half term starts.



**Reception**  
Spring 2  
2019

This half term we will be learning about 'People Who Help Us'.

### **Literacy, Communication and Language**

We will be reading a selection of stories with characters that help others. We will be using information books and the internet to find out about different jobs such as the Emergency services, Doctors, Nurses, and people who help us in the community. If you have any books, posters or information on people who help us then please bring it in to school as soon as possible. We will continue our phonic work learning to write words and sentences using sounds, digraphs and tricky words. Adults will continue to encourage children to write through scribed stories. As before, we will be encouraging the children to hold a pencil correctly to form recognisable letters. Please continue to read with your child and practice digraphs and tricky words.

### **Library day**

Miss Tataryn - Wednesday

Miss Coombes - Thursday

Miss McTavish - Thursday

### **Maths**

We will be learning how to make estimations and finding out if we were correct by checking our answers. We will be developing our mathematical language to talk about time, capacity, position, weight and money. We will be continuing to work on number recognition and formation.

### **Understanding the world**

We will have lots of visitors to enrich the children's experience of this topic. We will also be finding out about different jobs by asking our visitors questions and using the internet.

### **Expressive Arts and Design**

Children will continue to have free access to creative materials. The children will be encouraged to make, paint and draw independently using their own ideas.

### **Computing**

This half term computing involves developing mouse control skills while playing games. We will be looking at various internet sites that tell us about people who help us. If you have access to the internet, you could spend some time at home looking through websites about these different professions. If you find anything useful, please print it out and send it into school.

### **R.E.**

We will be thinking about the Easter story and talking about Mothering Sunday.

### **Personal, Social & Emotional Development**

This will include games that require turn taking and sharing. Throughout all our activities, we will continue to encourage the children to be independent in their learning.

This half term, we will be reminding the children about the golden rules and linking this to their behaviour throughout the school day. Our Golden rules are do be gentle, do be kind and helpful, do work hard, do look after property, do listen to people and do be honest. Please remind your child that these golden rules are always followed in our school.

### **Physical Development**

We will be continuing to develop gross and fine motor skills this half term. The children will be using apparatus in the hall and outside when the weather allows. We will continue to use playdough, chalks, pens, construction and scissors etc on a daily basis. Please spend some time practising with this equipment at home.

### **PE days**

Miss Tataryn - Tuesday and Friday

Miss Coombes - Monday and Friday

Miss McTavish - Wednesday and Friday

### **Next Steps**

The children's next steps will be shared at the next parents evening.

### **Please note**

The children will be doing some sort of P.E. everyday, either a P.E. lesson, adventure playground or lunchtime activity. Therefore it is important that their P.E. kit stays in school all week. Please also remember to leave a hairband in the PE bag for those girls with long hair to tie it back during P.E. Please note for health and safety reasons children should have all jewellery removed for PE.

### **Music**

This half term we will be learning about different instruments and how to play them. We will play a variety of games to introduce the instruments and to teach us how they are played. We will be learning some new words to familiar songs and singing them, as well as making up our own words.

### **E safety tips - Please share these with your child if they are accessing the internet**

Keep your personal information private.

If you ever get that 'uh oh' feeling, then turn off the monitor and tell a grown up they trust.

### **Website**

*If you have a computer connected to the internet, you may wish to visit our website. The address is:*

**[www.toftwood.norfolk.sch.uk](http://www.toftwood.norfolk.sch.uk)**

### **Home Learning**

Activities for home learning will be available on a weekly basis on Tapestry. Please log in every Wednesday to see your child's home learning task.