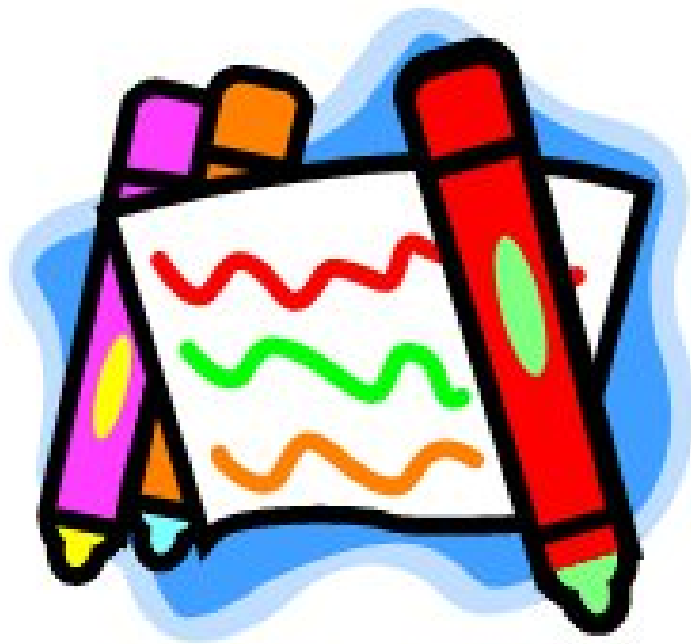


Toftwood Infant School Information for Parents/Carers



Reception

Summer 1 2019

Our topic for this half term is 'Once Upon a Time.'

With this 'information for parents/Carers' booklet, you will find a plan to show the big picture of the work Reception children will be doing in Summer 1. Please share this with your child before the half term starts.

Communication, Language and Literacy

We will continue to focus on our digraphs and tricky words and learning these through reading simple texts and playing lots of phonic word games. We will also be learning to recognise, read and spell simple words. We will continue to work hard at handwriting to ensure correct letter formation, as bad habits are hard to break! We will be focussing on writing short simple sentences, and any writing you can do at home will help your children to develop their skills as writers.

This half term we will be reading lots of fairy tales and traditional stories. Please continue to listen to your child read and encourage them to change their books when necessary. Ask your child questions about the books they read to check their understanding and to support the development of their reading comprehension skills.

Maths

In Maths, we will be carrying on with improving our number skills including, reading, writing and ordering numbers to 20 and beyond. We will also continue to work on practical addition and subtraction. We will be continuing our work on naming and describing 2-D and 3-D shapes and looking at and creating patterns in various ways. We will also be learning about the days of the week, time and money. Further to this, we will be exploring weight, capacity, and measurement.

Understanding The World

We will be using talking postcards to record our own stories so we can listen back to them. We will be planting our own bean seeds, like Jack, and looking at the changes over time. We will also be making porridge and looking at the suitability of materials to build houses with.

Online safety tips - Please share these with your child if they are accessing the internet

*To recognise that people you don't know are strangers.

*To be nice to people on the computer, like you would on the playground.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

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

We will continue to remind 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, chinks, pens, construction, scissors and other equipment for developing motor skills, on a daily basis. Please spend some time practising with this equipment at home, if you have it available.

The children will be doing some sort of P.E. on most days, either a P.E. lesson, adventure playground or lunchtime activity. Therefore it is important that their P.E. kit stays in school all week. PE shoes will be worn for all PE sessions. 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.

	<u>P.E. Days</u>	<u>Library</u>
Miss Tataryn	Tuesday & Friday	Wednesday
Miss Coombes	Monday & Friday	Thursday
Miss McTavish	Wednesday & Friday	Thursday

Expressive Arts and Design

This half term we will be extending our knowledge of musical instruments and learning about some new instruments. We will be playing a wide range of musical games to develop our musical skills. We will also be learning new songs related to our topic. At home you could learn nursery rhymes and songs, clap and copy musical patterns. We will also be painting and drawing pictures of animals, exploring texture, and creating collages.