



Summer 2022 1st Half Term – Reception

Welcome back! We hope you had a wonderful Easter break and ready for the summer term.

Last term, the children thoroughly enjoyed learning about 'Space.' There were many exciting lessons and art activities. The children manipulated materials to build different planets. During this topic the children learnt about the many different planets and how each planet is unique. We also had a lot of focus on the sun, moon and the stars. The sun allowed us to play some shadow tag and have a look at how the sun creates shadows and how these shadows move round through the day. To end off the term we had the Planetarium visit us.

This term, our topic is '**This is where I am.**' We will begin to look at and explore our school thinking about what makes Hilltop, the people who make up Hilltop and looking at plants and trees in our school grounds. We will then explore the local area and think about our community and what is in it. Of course, we will learn about Windsor Castle and the special year of the Queen's Jubilee.

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

As the children have made strong relationships with one another, we will encourage them to resolve conflicts by finding solutions to disagreements they may have.

Communication & Language

As the children will be introduced to prepositions, we will encourage them to use this vocabulary e.g. under, next to, behind, above etc. The children will also role-play through storytelling and work with one another to develop vocabulary.

Physical Development

As the warm weather makes an appearance, the children will enjoy playing more outdoor sports. They will be playing football - practicing their kicking skills, tennis using their eye-hand coordination and many other ball skills. We will continue to focus on fine motor as the children begin more formal handwriting.

Literacy

As the children have learnt the sounds for this year using Letterland, we will be revising these sounds and look again at how we form letters correctly. We will focus on fine motor skills for handwriting. We continue to work through the Letterland online readers.

Maths

The children will be learning about 2D shapes. We will begin to look at rectangles and squares and how these are similar or different. We will then look at curved shapes. We will name and compare the properties of shapes.

Understanding the World

We will be learning about where we live and our community. We will be taking regular walks to see the area we live in and why people visit these places. We will also be looking at our school.

Expressive Arts

We will be exploring paint by mixing colours together, making collages by cutting and sticking and using a variety of materials.

Reminders for this half term

- ★ Please ensure your child comes into school with a washed, filled **school** water bottle every day.
- ★ As the weather becomes warmer, please apply sun cream on your child **prior** to coming to school. It is not necessary to bring sun cream into school.
- ★ Please have a blue **school** sunhat for the warmer weather in school every day.
- ★ We have a number of unnamed jumpers in the classrooms. Please ensure all items are clearly labelled.

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