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### Curriculum News April 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,  
Welcome to the Summer Term.  
Our topic this term is "Over the Hills and Far Away."

#### Important dates for your diary

**Tuesday 2 May 9.15**

BMX Skills Display for the school. This is our prize for St Bartholomew's being the winning school in the Bike It! challenge this year.

**Monday 26 June 10-12.30**

Celebration Event at the Dome. All Reception classes in the City Partnership visit the Dome and take part in activities and events there. It is a fantastic experience for everyone!

**Fridays from 3-3.20**

Book Time.

#### Personal, social and emotional development

We are delighted with the enthusiasm for learning shown in our classroom. The children all show they understand what it means to be a great learner.

As the children approach the end of their Reception Year we will continue to develop and strengthen their relationships with each other and with the rest of the school.

Later in the term the children will follow a planned transition programme to make sure they are confident about moving into Year 1.

#### Literacy



Learning for Life within Christian Values

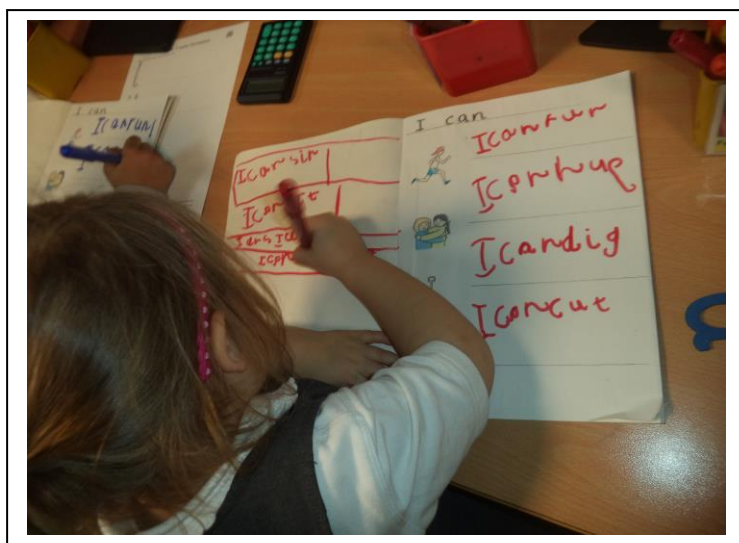


We will continue to practise the phase 2, phase 3 and phase 4 letter sounds daily. This is so important in helping your child become a confident reader and independent writer. We regularly assess each child and keep a record of the sounds your child knows or needs extra help to learn.

It is also very important that your child learns the 45 high frequency words. We really value your support in helping them practise at home.

We are teaching handwriting skills to help the children learn how to form the letters correctly. They have many opportunities to write inside and outside, using a wide range of tools and materials, so their skills improve consistently.

All the children have regular writing sessions with an adult to apply the phonics skills they are acquiring.



The children still have weekly guided or individual reading sessions with me.

We are delighted with the enthusiasm shown by the children and we value your continued commitment to helping your child.

We love to see parents and carers joining us every Friday afternoon at 3pm to share books with the children. The children really love this event.

Families are always welcome to read with their children in the parents' area before and after school.



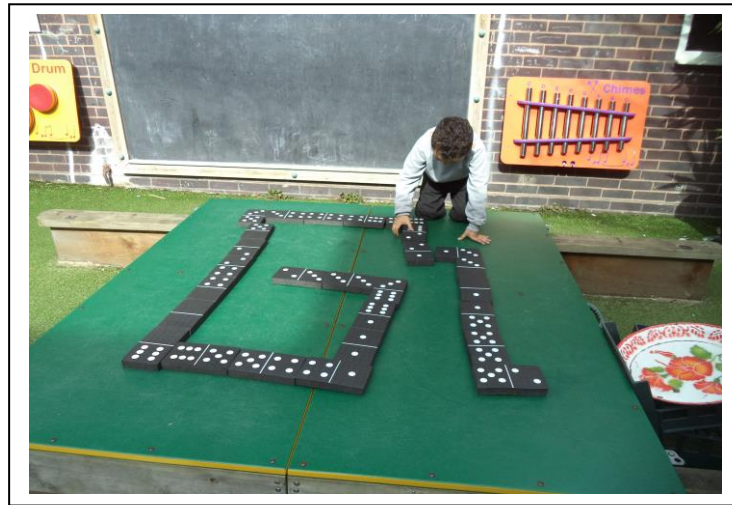
## Mathematics

We are focussing on consolidating numbers to 20 this term. At the end of the Reception your child is expected to be able to count 20 objects, recognise numerals to 20 and order numbers to 20.

We also count very large numbers of objects and we encourage children to develop confidence in counting to 100 and beyond. We will also be looking at:

- adding two groups of objects
- finding doubles of numbers
- working out what half is
- counting on/counting back along a number line
- taking away 1,2,3 from a number to 20

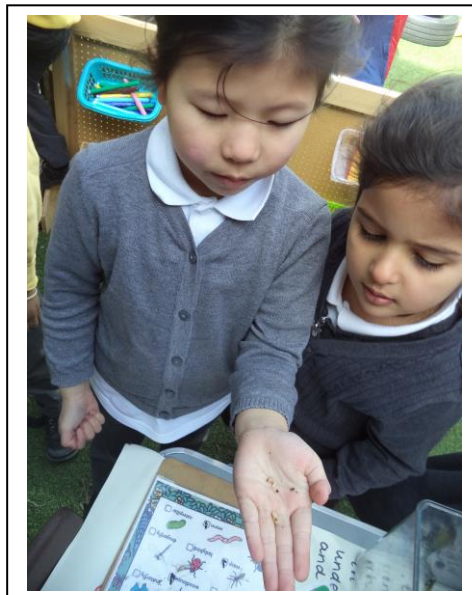
The children will also learn about pattern and 2D and 3D shapes.



## Understanding the world

We are reading travelling stories to set the scene for our topic "Over the Hills and Far Away", and will learn a story called "The Little Red Hen" and, later on this term, "Jack and the Beanstalk."

We will take advantage of the warmer weather to do gardening and explore the life cycles of creatures in the minibeast area and the garden.





The children have many opportunities to explore natural and man-made materials both inside and outside.

### Physical development

The children always have access to the outdoor learning environment during choosing learning time and even when it rains we can use our covered outside area. We believe all the learning inside the classroom can happen outside the classroom too.

The children have PE lessons in the hall on Wednesday afternoons and will need their PE kit.

### Expressive arts and design

We want the children to have the confidence to experiment and to be creative in art, music, dance, storytelling and drama. The children are encouraged to use pens, paints, dough, paper, crayons, scissors and other tools to execute their own designs. The children are encouraged to show their work to the class and talk about what kind of Learner they have been.



### Parental Partnership

I am always happy to meet with parents and carers after school to talk about your child. Please mention it to the adult at the door in the morning and we can make a convenient appointment.



Thanks so much to all the fantastic parents who have come in to class this year! Remember you still have plenty of time to come in and show off your talents and fascinations!

The Reception team

