

## Reception Class

Reminders:

**Drop-in Session** – Tuesday or Friday (3:15 – 3:30 pm). If you wish to contact us please phone school, make an appointment to see us or e-mail: [ahalstead@walsden.calderdale.sch.uk](mailto:ahalstead@walsden.calderdale.sch.uk)

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**Library** – Books changed on Wednesdays.

**Homework** – Occasionally we will send home some homework for you to complete with your child. Please could you complete all homework sent and return it to school by the date indicated.

**PE** – We will be using the REAL PE scheme this term to help us learn about balance, coordination and gymnastic skills. We do PE on a Monday and some Thursdays. This is in addition to the use of our Reception outdoor area.



## English

**Some of the books we will be looking at this half term:** 365 Penguins, The little penguin and lots of non-fiction books and poems linked to our topics.

**Writing** – We are really impressed with how the children's writing has developed so far and the children have been working really hard in various ways and to make their writing even better. If you are helping your child to practice writing in their play at home please can you make sure that they are starting their letters from the top and forming them in an anticlockwise direction. **(We cannot stress enough how important this is for their writing)**

**Phonics** – We are beginning to move on to sounds with two letters in them e.g. sh, ch, th, ng. As part of our phonics teaching we also look at high frequency words that children need to read on sight e.g. was, this, the etc.

**Reading** – Please continue to read with your child **EVERY DAY** at home – we are starting to see lots of amazing progress with those children who do – well done parents!



## Maths

Using the White Rose Maths Scheme there will be an emphasis on Shapes, positional language and beginning to use numbers up to 10 then 20 including addition and subtraction. We will be reading, writing and ordering numbers and representing values in different ways.



**TIP for the Term:** Spotting numbers in our everyday environment e.g. door numbers, road signs, around the house on clocks.

## Other Areas

**PSHE** – Health & Well-being and what it means to be a good friend.

**Music** – We will be using *Charanga* to explore different types of music and the children will learn songs and how to play instruments in different ways.

**RE** – How to be a good helper.



Learning and celebrating Easter.

### **Dates for your diary-**

**6<sup>th</sup> February** - Reception inter school Multiskills event at Todmorden Sports Centre.

**w/c 2<sup>nd</sup> March**- World book week (more details will follow.)

**1<sup>st</sup> April** - Reception height and weight checks (letters will be sent nearer the time).

## Theme *Winter & Frozen*



We have been looking at changes around us e.g. in seasons and materials such as freezing and melting. We will also be using different techniques in our art work and design work as well as making our on snacks for the class occasionally.

*Just a note to also say thank you for all the lovely and thoughtful gifts that were sent in before the holidays. They were very much appreciated. We hope you have a lovely 2020. The Reception Team.*

## Walsden St Peter's

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Challenging ourselves to do  
our best!



*Creativity is our key to learning.*