

New City Primary School

Welcome back to school. Much of this Half term will be spent settling in our new children and helping them to adjust to the new expectations and routine of Nursery life. Our theme this half term is 'I am Special'. We are keen to encourage parents and carers to help in their child's learning at home and as such we are providing you with this overview of what we shall be teaching at Nursery. We also value any resources that you can contribute related to any of our topics. We also ask you to help us by making sure that all homework is completed. If you have any queries please feel free to have a chat with us.

Year group: Reception: Spring Term 2017

<u>Mathematics</u>	<u>Literacy</u>	<u>Understanding the World</u>
This term we continue focusing our learning of number. We will work on recognising, writing and counting and learning about the value of numbers up to 20 and beyond. Throughout the term, we will be focusing on addition and subtraction and using a range of strategies to solve number problems. We will also be looking at doubling and halving numbers through practical activities and learning to estimate.	Reception will work on focus texts such as The Very Hungry Caterpillar, The Little Red Hen, and Jack and the Beanstalk. We will be looking at character description, retelling the story, thinking of alternative endings and writing our own stories. The children will continue phonics and using their understanding of sounds to begin to write simple word and sentences.	In this area of learning the children will be learning about how things grow and change over time with a focus on the life cycle of a butterfly and frog, an egg and a seed. Children will be learning about key vocabulary used to describe specific changes and what they observe as these changes occur.
<u>Expressive Arts and Design</u>		
This term the children will be learning how to use different textures and materials such as play-dough, paint and glue. The children will also explore techniques to make paper mache cocoons, having a go at sewing to make frog puppets and play-dough to make a hen house. The children will also be exploring paint and constructing a 3D beanstalk. Throughout the term the children have the opportunity to explore and build with a range of construction equipment such as Lego, Mobilo and Stickle bricks.		
<u>People and Communities</u>	<u>Physical Development</u>	<u>PSED</u>
Children will be learning about the Celebration of Chinese New Year at the end of this half term, where they will learn about different cultures and foods. The children will also learn about the Christian Celebration of Easter and looking at other beliefs.	This term the children will be learning to balance and climb using the large equipment in P.E. The children will also learn about Healthy eating. Throughout the term all pupils will continue to develop their fine motor skills using scissors and developing pencil control for writing.	This term the children will be learning about emotions and facial expression. In particular we will be learning about how to make others happy and sharing and why this is important.
<u>U the W -ICT</u>	<u>Homework</u>	<u>Information</u>
In computing, children will be learning to complete a very simple age appropriate program on Espresso, to support their learning of Literacy Maths and all the other areas of development. In particular the children will learn how to manoeuvre and control the computer mouse.	Homework will be given every Friday; children are expected to bring in their homework on a Thursday. Children in Reception will also bring home a reading book. Please listen to them read every day. If you would like a new reading book speak to the class teacher. Children will have spellings on Monday and Athletics homework on Tuesday.	During our Chinese New Year pupils will have an opportunity to taste noodles. You can also ask for an extra story book for your child and this can be changed as often as the child requests. ALL children should have a P.E kit at school.