

South Kensington and Sloane Square Class

Spring Term Newsletter

Dear Parent/Guardian,



Happy New Year! Our topic for this half term is 'Under the Sea'

We will be looking at the following books:

Commotion in the Ocean, Oliver's Fruit Salad, Rainbow fish and Rosie's Walk.

Why not visit the library or buy some of these books so your child can read them with you at home?

You could help your child by doing some of the activities below as follows:

Communication, language and literacy-

Use 'Fred Talk' to read and write cvc words for example b-e-d bed and c-a-t cat. Help your child form letters correctly.

Write their name correctly with a capital letter only at the beginning.

Using the story language 'Once upon a time' 'they lived happily ever after' 'The end'.

Write letters, lists, instructions and stories. Please bring these in and we can share them with the rest of the class.

Mathematics-

Write the numbers together with your child.

Count, read and order numbers up to 15 and beyond.

Simple addition and subtraction e.g. 5 and 2 makes 7... Make these activities practical using objects, fingers etc. When they are ready move onto doing this in their head.

Measure during cooking, using scales and encouraging use of words such as more, less, heavier and lighter.

Look at shapes in the environment and talk about them e.g. square, circle, triangle, rectangle, big, small, cube, sphere (ball) and pyramid.

Knowledge and understanding of the world-

Go on a walk to explore the outside, looking for bugs, splashing in puddles, searching for leaves.

Make models to bring in to school. Talk with your child about what they have made.

Use a computer to find out about the stories we are learning in school.
Grow some seeds in a pot or on a windowsill and talk about what happens as they grow.

Reading

Please try and read with your child for 10 mins daily. Please sign their reading each time they are read with. Please ensure your child's PACT folder is brought in to school every day. If their PACT folder or reading book is not in school we will not be able to read or change their books.

Homework

Homework will continue to be given out on a Thursday to be returned on Monday. This spring term we will be issuing 'tricky words' that the children will need to practice at home.

Attendance and lateness

Please remember your child must be in school at 8.50 a.m. otherwise they will be marked late in the register. After this time you must bring them in via the office.

Important dates for your diary

Wednesday 7th February Parents Evening
3.30-8pm

Thursday 8th February Parents Evening
3.30-5.30pm

Thursday 8th February Another Fine Mess Workshop
Please bring in a large plastic bottle

Wednesday 8th March Mothers Day Assembly
9.15-10am Middle Hall

Many thanks,

The Reception team