

Working together to support learning

We are now into our second term of the year and continue to work hard to build and develop a range of skills. We will be encouraging children to try 'new things' and to persevere when things can become difficult. The children have already begun using the language and are keen to celebrate their 'growing brain' with the class.



Reception Spring Term 2017 Newsletter

. Themes for the spring term

The Jolly Postman
Traditional Stories
Past and Present



If you can support or enhance any of these topics please let us know.

Celebrations

We will be covering:

- *Chinese New Year
- *Easter

We will be using a range of media to explore and express the meaning of these festivals including music and dance.

Past and Present

We will be exploring the differences between what we have today and comparing it to the past. This will involve looking at objects that are readily available to us now and look back to see what was previously used. It will include looking at technology, toys and games and give us the opportunity to explore some of these ideas within our environment. We will also be looking at how Kidlington has changed over the years, comparing photos of past and present times.

Science

We will be exploring ice using the weather to support this and creating bikes made from different materials to see how you can make wheels rotate.

Jolly Postman and Traditional Tales

We will be looking closely at the Jolly Postman and working on the traditional stories within it. This will take the whole term as we will look at how traditional stories are formed and work with the different types of writing that can be found within them. We hope to develop our retelling of these stories through role play which using a variety of props to support this.

Reading

Children will continue to bring home reading books to enjoy with you at home. Please record each time you have read with your child so we know how often they have read the same book which will then be changed.

General Information

P.E. days:

Please leave P E kits on your child's peg during the week ready for our next lesson.

Library books:

The children visit the library every Thursday. Please ensure their books are in school to change every Thursday afternoon.

Book Bags: Please make sure your child brings their book bags and reading books in daily.

Boxes and other materials: we collect any empty boxes, materials or newspapers for our creative model making.

Spare clothing. Please could you ensure that there is a spare set of clothing left on your child's peg in case of emergencies. We are always short of spare clothes so if you have any that your children have grown out of we would be very grateful.