



# The Whartons Primary School

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Reception Information Spring 2

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We hope that you have had a lovely Half Term holiday. Can you believe that we are half way through the academic year? Time has flown by. The children are progressing amazingly and thanks to your great support the children are really blossoming.

Here is an outline of some of the things that we will be covering with the children this half term. We will, of course, be allowing the children to lead much of their learning by following their interests.

## **Theme:**

Last half term, the children showed a lot of interest in the following areas:

Hospitals, money/shops and pets. We will also look for signs of Spring in our environment and talk a little about the celebration of Easter.

These topics give lots of opportunities for role-play, learning about the World around us, and there are lots of opportunities for practical maths- especially number and problem solving with money.

## **Communication, Language and Literacy:**

In phonics we will be continuing with Phase 3 Letters and Sounds.

We will be learning digraphs: ch, sh, th, ng, ai, ee, oa, oo and the trigraph igh. We will continue to learn more 'tricky words' (words that cannot be sounded out like **I, no, go, the...**). The children continue to 'sound out' words in order to read and write them, but they are now building up a sight vocabulary of high frequency words like: **is, it, in, and, can, Mum, get...**

This half term we will be challenging children to say and then write whole sentences! We will continue to work on finger spaces, capital letters and full stops.

**Maths:** We will continue to practise counting, recognising and ordering numbers. We will practise finding one more and one less than a given number. The children are really getting a good understanding of number this year.

We will use money in our role-play shop. The children have started to recognise different coins already... Can they sort the coins in their money box, or your wallet/purse for you?

We will do lots of practical work with weight and capacity this term and use positional language: above, below, next to, under, over...

## Tricky Word sheets

You may have noticed the Tricky Word sheets in the children's book bags. These sheets are to practise reading 'Tricky words' by sight rather than sounding them out. This is a different skill from the way they read their reading books as it is building up a sight vocabulary rather than only using their phonic knowledge.

**Please send these folders of word sheets to school in their book bags on a Thursday and Friday** as these are the days we will try to go through their latest sheet and give them the next word sheet.



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## Reading Books

Please leave these in your child's book bag and they will be changed once a week. If your child has read their book and you want to change it yourself, please feel free to come and get the next book yourself. Please cross the book off in the reading log so we can keep track of the books they have read. If you are unsure what to do, please come and ask a member of Reception staff to show you.

## Parent helpers

If you would like to come into school to help in Reception at all, please see Mrs Matthews or Mrs Manderville to coordinate a date that suits you. Your time is greatly appreciated. You can let us know what you'd like to help with if you have a preference e.g. baking, art, hearing readers, or if you're happy to do anything let us know.

Thank you so much to the parents who come in to hear the children read. We really appreciate it and the children are making great progress.

## Library Books

These can be changed on a Wednesday. This is the only day we will have a chance to go to the library so if you forget to return a book don't worry, we will change it the following Wednesday.

## Show and Tell

This is on a Wednesday. If your child has made something or has something interesting which they wish to share with the class then we would love to see them. This is a lovely way for children to gain confidence in speaking to others and is a great opportunity for children to practise their questioning skills.

## Clothing

The days are getting a bit longer and we will hopefully see some more sunshine this half term, but it's still pretty cold and muddy outside so please continue to send the children in warm coats, hats, gloves etc.

## DT Resources

Please can we have your boxes, yoghurt pots, plastic containers, bottle tops, lids etc.

Rather than throwing it away or recycling it can we have it please? The children use it very well and the DT area is very popular and without your help we have little for the children to use in there.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Matthews and Mrs Manderville



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