



## Reception Newsletter Summer Term 2010

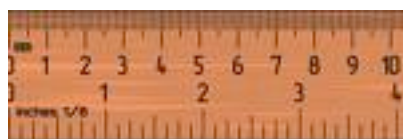
### Communication Literacy and Language

This term the girls will be learning to write and spell words which use alternative blends to the most common ones we have already studied e.g. ay, ea, igh, etc. They will develop their independent writing skills and explore different styles whilst being encouraged to use complete sentences, full stops and capital letters. They will also enjoy group reading sessions to consolidate and extend their reading, comprehension and discussion skills. As the term progresses the children will develop their confidence in speaking and listening in Show and Tell, drama and role play situations.



### Problem Solving, Reasoning and Numeracy

The girls will be learning to form, order and recognise numbers up to 100. They will explore number patterns and start to learn their number bonds to 10. They will consolidate their understanding of addition and subtraction and begin to apply them to problem solving situations. During the term they will revise the topic maths and consolidate the concepts introduced about shape, time, measure and money. The topic of capacity will also be introduced. You can help your daughter by encouraging her to help you measure and weigh ingredients in cooking sessions, looking for shapes when you go for a walk, counting coins and playing with water and different containers in the bath!





## **Knowledge and Understanding of the World**

This term the girls will be learning about water - what happens when we heat or cool it? They will experiment with floating and sinking and look at the life cycles of animals that live in water. We will be learning about where water is found and its importance to us. In the second half of term our topic will be Plants and we will explore how different environments affect the types of plants found there. We will also be learning about the parts of plants and focus on how they grow, how long it takes and the conditions required to grow properly.

## **Creative Development**

In art lessons the girls will use collage and modelling techniques using different materials and study the painting techniques and the work of artists such as Monet and Van Gogh.

## **ICT**

In ICT lessons children will be improving their mouse skills by exploring a variety of suitable programs.



## **PSED**

The children will be learning about the world around them and that all living things belong to families.

## **General Points**

Reading folders will continue to come home every night and spellings connected to the phonic blends we are studying will come home once a week. These need to be learnt for a test in school on Friday. Please encourage your daughter to practise reading and writing them using the look, say, cover, spell and check method.

Reception will be visiting Thames Explorer Trust on 20<sup>th</sup> May, where we will be following a programme of study connected to our water topic.

Reception will also be bringing home some radish seeds as part of their plant topic with the challenge of growing them successfully and recording how they grow. More details of this activity will follow.

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