



# Reception Newsletter

## Spring Term 2012

### Communication, Literacy and Language

This term the girls will be learning to write and spell simple words that are phonically regular. They will consolidate their independent writing skills and continue to work on sentence structure. As the term progresses the children will have the opportunity to improve their confidence in speaking and listening situations e.g. show and tell.



### Problem Solving, Reasoning and Numeracy

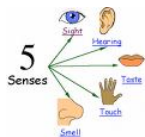
The girls will be learning to form, order and recognise numbers up to 30. They will consolidate their understanding of addition and subtraction and the topics of money and time will be introduced. You can help your daughter by, for example, encouraging her to count her pocket money and by helping her to count change when buying things for herself. Playing shops is also most helpful and great fun on a winter's afternoon.



### Knowledge and Understanding of the World

This term the girls will be learning about their senses and how they use them to explore the world around them. As the term progresses we will be learning about materials and their properties and why, for example, saucepans are made of metal not plastic. Our topic this half term is The Senses and we will be learning about famous people such as Louis Braille and Helen Keller. In the second half of term our topic will be Houses and

Homes. We will be learning about how houses have changed over time and studying types of homes in different countries. In RE sessions we will be looking at how our senses are used in worship.



## ICT

This term the girls will be developing their mouse skills using a variety of programs suitable for KS1.

## PSHE

Reception will be thinking about how to take responsibility for themselves, their behaviour and their belongings. In the second half of term we will be learning about the fact that all living things are divided into groups or families.



## General Points

P.E. is on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays - please ensure the girls have their full kit at school for these days.

If you are concerned about anything please use my period of availability to contact me. Reading folders will continue to come home every night - in addition, spellings that are phonically regular will continue to come home once a week for the children to practise writing. Please help your child to practise her word building skills by calling out the words for her to try and write by herself. We would like the spelling books with their written words back by Friday each week.

This term Reception will be going to **Celtic Harmony on 21st March** - more details to follow later.

**Miss Mandy Phipps** - Reception Class teacher.