

Things to Remember:

- ✚ Appropriate clothes to suit the weather: A coat that will keep them warm and dry most probably!
- ✚ Bring fresh water in a named water bottle every day.
- ✚ We aim to change reading books every Monday, Wednesday and Friday for Reception children.
- ✚ PE Kits for Reception Children - T-shirt, shorts, socks and pumps more information can be found on our website here: [Uniform Information | Shap Endowed CE Primary School](#)) PE lessons are on Tuesdays and Fridays but please have PE kits in every day. PLEASE REMEMBER TO REMOVE YOUR CHILD'S EARRINGS OR APPLY PLASTERS IF THEY ARE UNABLE TO DO SO THEMSELVES!
- ✚ A named pair of wellies if the weather is wet or if the ground is muddy.
- ✚ Please can all clothing, shoes and personal items be named!
- ✚ Please feel free to come and see us to talk to us anytime.

Thank You

All Reception and Nursery Lessons are taught through the 7 Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) Areas of Learning and Development: Prime areas: Communication and Language, (CL) Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED) and Physical Development (PD). The 4 other specific areas are Literacy (L), Mathematics (M), Understanding the World (UW) and Expressive Arts and Design (EAD)

Catbells: Reception and Nursery Class

Topic Information for Parents and Carers

First Half of the Spring Term 2023

Topic: Go Jettters

Class Teacher: Mrs. Vanessa Kelsall
Mrs Chappell (Tuesday & Thursday afternoon)
Nursery Leader & Senior Teaching Assistant:
Mrs Suzanne Hutchinson



This information will give you an idea of what we plan to cover during this half term, however it may alter with the needs and interests of the children. Reception children will be taught directly linked to the content within; If appropriate, Nursery children will access this direct 'teaching', alternatively, they will access the continuous provision set out in the areas around the classroom linked to the content below. If you would like any further information or have any questions or concerns, please come and see us or contact vkelsall@shap.cumbria.sch.uk

Week 1: Where we Live - The Smartest Class in Town - Talk about where we live in, or near to, Shap. Learn our address and describe where we live. Read the story of The Smartest Giant in Town by J. Donaldson and adapt to our own Smartest Class version as well as sing an adapted Shap village songs. This term the Design Technology topic is Food and we will attempt make soup, cutting vegetables and following a simple method.

Maths Theme: Composition of numbers to 5. Go on a walk around the village to locate places of interest.

Week 2: London and places we have visited in this country - Learn about London being the capital city of England and discover differences to where we live. Read books including Paddington Bear, The Queens Hat and The Town Mouse and the Country Mouse. Share and talk about photographs of places we have visited in this country and abroad. Sing songs including London Bridge and attempt some country dancing in PE. Maths Theme: Comparing Mass (heavier and lighter, full and empty) Measuring Capacity. Make sandwiches for an afternoon tea and write simple instructions.

Week 3: Ukraine & ways we might look after our planet -Talk about how Ukraine is different to England and why. Look at a globe and know the difference between land and sea. Learn different words, cultures and food. Think about ways to make our environment happy and healthy including litter picking around school. Read stories including: Stuck and Someone Swallowed Stanley. Maths themes: Measuring capacity, how many fit inside? Measure ingredients to make a Ukrainian dish. Sort quantities and composition of 7. **Wed 25th - Catbells visit Playgroup Thurs 26th COME & PLAY.**

Week 4: Chinese New Year - Learn about traditions and compare localities with our own.. Read The Zodiac Story and nonfiction texts including The World in My Kitchen and The World came to My Place Today. Have a 'Chinese Banquet' and taste food including Spring rolls and noodles, have a go at using chop sticks. Learn about landmarks such as The Great Wall of China and the animals associated with China including pandas and lions. Take part in a dragon dance and sing songs to help us learn about traditions.

Week 5: Rocket to the Moon / Aliens - Read stories including: Aliens Love Underpants and The Smeds & the Smoos. Sing songs including 5 Little Men in a Flying Saucer. Talk about space, stars, meteorites and craters and watch real life space launches. Make food outdoors in Outdoor Education including hot chocolate and toasting marshmallows. Maths themes: Making pairs, combining 2 groups and adding more.

Week 6: Valentine's Day and Shrove Tuesday Read stories including Mr Wolf's Pancakes, Peace at Last, The Baddies and Owl Babies. Talk and think about people we love and what we might do to make them feel special. Make Valentine's biscuits to give to someone we love. Make pancakes and talk about why Shrove Tuesday is significant in the Christian calendar in the coming week. Maths themes: Comparing height, taller & shorter, comparing length. Longer & shorter than, days of the week and measuring height. **Thursday 15th Feb Reception to Culgaith for Action Ants Festival.**

Physical Development Tuesday: Reception Dance **Nursery:** Big Toys **Friday:** Whole class Large Apparatus

RE Theme: Learn about what makes every single person unique and special. Learn why it is important to celebrate. Think about Eater preparations. **PSHE Theme:** Good to be me Every Friday afternoon children will take part in a PSHE cycle where they will spend time with Miss Jackson in Kidsty Pike beginning to understand ways of keeping our minds active and healthy

Music: Develop musical songs with weekly session with Stephen Burke **Buddy Time:** With Y6's on a Thursday afternoon

Literacy: Reception children will take part in daily phase 2 / progressing to phase 3, ELS (Early Letters and Sounds) phonic scheme sessions. Reception children will be listened to read up to 3 times a week at school. Reception children receive a raffle ticket with a chance to win a book prize drawn on a Friday. Nursery children take part in daily phase 1 phonics sessions with Suzanne.

Number: The Reception children will be following the *White Rose maths* scheme and also Big Maths Learn It's and CLICS - sent home to learn **Nursery Children** will be working on their counting, numeral recognition, and calculations through games, play, songs and small group work with Suzanne.