

### **Understanding the World**

There will be a Knowledge Organiser shared with you each time we have completed a new topic this term. This will include questions you could ask the children for them to show you what they have learnt; activities they will have taken part in at school and ones you might like to try at home; stories they would have heard and maybe you could find in the local library. We are using these to share specific learning and skills with you so please let us know if you found them useful and share anything the children have been doing on Tapestry. We can't wait to see how much they remember from the topics we have covered. We will be learning about minibeasts, dinosaurs, under the sea and much more!

### **Mathematics**

We will continue to use stories and real life situations to solve mathematical problems, adding and subtracting two single-digit numbers, and showing how we found out the answer. We will also develop mathematical vocabulary through the use of everyday language to talk about size, capacity, position, distance and time as we measure the size of dinosaurs and time how long a golden mile takes us.

### **ICT**

We will be using the iPads to record some story telling this term. We will also teach the children how to use the stop watches to time things they do. The children will continue to explore how to program a beebot and will also learn the term 'debugging' to clear a sequence they have programmed.

### **Expressive Arts and Design**

Through our topics there will be lots of opportunity for the children to develop their skills and techniques to create pictures, 3D models and also explore different materials and textures. They will learn about manmade and natural materials, designing and creating artwork using both. The children will also learn more about recycling materials. We will continue to do African Drumming every Tuesday afternoon. The children are working towards their assembly which you are invited to at the end of the term (details in the Newsletter).

## **Reception Summer Term 2**



### **Physical Development**

The children have had great fun learning new skills with the equipment in their PE sessions. They are learning to control the equipment and demonstrate skills with accuracy. The children have started to run the Golden mile. Four laps of the field is equivalent to 1 Golden Mile and we are working as a class team to do as many as we can each day! PE days are Mondays this term – please remove earrings and tie long hair up.

### **Library**

We will continue to visit the library in groups on alternate Mondays. Please check with your child's teacher if you are not sure which week your child's visit is. We have lots of books outstanding so please check if you are not sure your child has one or not.

### **Communication and Language**

We will continue to encourage children to ask and answer 'how' and 'why' questions about their experiences and also in response to stories or events. The children are working hard to extend their ideas and sentences using the word 'because' to give a reason or explain why something is like it is. The children have been working in partners and developing their skills to talk with a talking partner during carpet sessions.

### **Literacy**

Phonics Fairy will continue this term as we recap all of the digraphs and trigraphs the children have learnt. We will continue practising spotting them in words and blending them to read. Phonics Fairy has lots of fun actions and stories to help the children to learn, which we will continue to share with you on Seesaw. Please remind your child that they can change their books when they are ready to, they don't need to wait until they are heard by an adult this term. We are working really hard on presentation and letter formation this term. We have handwriting sessions every day and the children are focussing on cheeky monkey tails, tall giraffe letters and letters that transform. We will send out the letter formation cards on Seesaw for you to work on this at home too. We are so excited to see what this term brings with lots of storytelling and story writing!

### **Friendly Reminder:**

**Named water bottles and sun hats please!**