

# SOUTH NORWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

YEAR GROUP: Reception CLASS::RD, RT & RN SPRING 1 2012



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after the break. The children have settled straight back into their routines and so we would like to use this opportunity to remind you that the children need regular phonics, number and key word practice at home to maintain the excellent progress that they have made so far. Please continue to use the home visit pack resources as often as possible. We would also like to share with you some of the exciting events that will be taking place in Reception throughout this half term. We will be continuing to plan using our Possible Lines Of Development themes. This half term we will be looking at transport and travel. Also don't forget that our Early Birds sessions are a good opportunity to see what your children are learning and look through their Early Years Profile folders. These sessions will continue to be from 9.00 to 9.20 (Wed, Thurs, Friday) but please note that we will not have Early Birds on Mondays and Tuesday or on rainy days as the children come straight into the hall.

**Reading:** At home time, we give all children the opportunity to choose a book to take home and enjoy with a grown-up. This is in addition to their reading book. We ask you to practise reading this book with your child as often as possible. Please ensure that this book stays in your child's book-bag and is brought into school everyday. At this stage in the year, we would expect all children to be able to read and write sets 1, 2 and 3 of the key words, which can be found in your home visit pack. If you need an extra copy of the home visit pack, please do not hesitate to ask.



## PERSONAL, SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

In PSED we will be continuing to nourish children's moral and social development. Throughout the term we will be reinforcing the children's understanding of the class rules which will help the children to play and work happily in and outside the classroom. We are always reminding the children of appropriate behaviour and discourage any sort of rough play. In Early Birds, we often focus on games which promote sharing skills and we have found that support from parents and carers during these times is invaluable.



## COMMUNICATION, LANGUAGE AND LITERACY

Please continue to practise the letter sounds and the names of the letters at home, as many children are still unsure of the names of the letters. We are also continuing with learning the 45 key words that were included in your home visit packs. Name writing is a big focus at the moment to get all of the children writing their names correctly and in lower case. We ask you to practise writing your child's name with them as often as possible, using our letter formation sheet as a guide. We will be progressing further with sentence writing using capital letters and full stops and will continue to develop the children's ability to segment and blend the sounds in words independently.



## MATHEMATICAL DEVELOPMENT

In maths we will be continuing to develop the children's number skills and many of them still need support with number formation. Many children have made progress in their recognition and ordering of numbers to 10, but still need support to practise and build on this. There will be more emphasis on simple addition and subtraction. We teach calculating using a hands-on approach, including songs, objects and games.



## KNOWLEDGE & UNDERSTANDING OF THE WORLD

Our transport and travel PLOD will provide lots of opportunities for the children to think about the different types of vehicles and ways in which they travel. We will provide opportunities for the children to investigate independently, looking at floating and sinking, pushing and pulling and looking at how things work. We will also be thinking about different celebrations that occur within this half term including Chinese New Year.



## PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

Please note that RT will have PE every Friday, RD every Thursday and RN every Monday. **Please ensure that your child has a full PE kit within school and that each item of your child's PE kit is named, along with all school uniform.** For safety reasons they are not allowed to wear tights or tracksuits on the equipment. The children will also have daily access to activities that will further their physical development in our outside area.



## CREATIVE DEVELOPMENT

As many of you are aware, we have 'Creative Areas' in each of the Reception classrooms and the children are free to use these independently to make their own models and draw, paint or collage their own pictures. We always need cardboard or plastic containers, kitchen roll tubes, bottle tops, corks, envelopes, old greetings cards and any other scrap/collage materials that you may have at home. **Any donations would be VERY welcome (except for boxes that contained nuts).** We have a large collecting box in the classroom and would be really grateful if you bring in any items for us. Thank you

We hope that you and your child have a happy and successful Spring term at South Norwood. If you have any concerns please don't hesitate to pop in and talk to us.

Best wishes

The Reception Team