



Parkfield Primary School

# Curriculum Newsletter

## Reception

### Term: Spring 1

#### Helpful information for this half term:

- Children must bring their **red** library bag **every Friday**.
- Children must bring their **blue** book bag **every day**.
- Please encourage children to dress and undress by themselves. All children should have spare clothes including underwear, socks, and vests that stay at school in case of any accidents. Please ensure that all items are **labelled** with your child's name.
- Please can you make every effort to attend school on time each day. The gates open at 8:40 am each morning.

Our topic this half term is **Exciting Experiments**. The children will be fully immersed in the world of science, kicking off the half term making and erupting their own volcanoes!

Throughout the half term we will be learning about; observations, the five senses, colour mixing, reactions and experimenting with food. Our **Big Question** that we will often refer back to is 'What is an experiment?' The children will be given plenty of opportunities to conduct various experiments throughout the half term.



#### Maths



We will be extending our number knowledge this half term by working on the composition of 4 and 5, developing confidence to work with numbers beyond 5, as well as combining two groups and looking at simple addition. Also, we will be learning about comparing mass and capacity.

#### Phonics

We will continue to learn with our monster friends from Monster Phonics Land. This half term we will be learning with Tricky Witch 'oo', Brown Owl 'ow', Green Froggy 'ee', Black Cat 'ur' and Angry Red A 'ai'. Don't forget, you can access the **Monster Phonics e-books** from home!



#### Homework

We will continue to upload homework to the Reception Homework Site attached to the school website every Wednesday. We will send home prompt questions along with images, related to our **Exciting Experiments** topic, for you to explore and discuss at home. We are now asking for you to encourage the children to pick a question and write a simple answer in their new green homework books. As well as this, the children will have a levelled reading book and a free choice book they have selected from their classroom book corner each week. Homework is due back on a **Monday** and we will update homework and books every **Wednesday** inline with the website.

Welcome to the Reception  
Homework Site

Please reinforce our learning at home.

If you have anything of interest that may help with the children's learning then please share this with the Reception team.

Thank you.

#### We need your help...

The children spend a lot of time in the outdoor area. Please ensure that the children have everything they need inline with the weather. Please make sure all items of clothing are labelled with your child's name, this includes hats, scarves, coats and gloves.

