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New City Primary School Year group: Reception Spring Term 2024

Happy New Year. This term we are doing some very interesting and exciting things. We are keen to encourage parents and carers to help in their child's learning at home and as such we are providing you with this overview of what we shall be teaching at school. We also value any resources that you can contribute related to any of our topics. We also ask you to help us by making sure that all homework is completed. If you have any queries please feel free to have a chat with us.

Maths	Communication, Language and Literacy	Understanding the World
The main focus for this term is number and numerical patterns. The children will be using a range of strategies to solve mathematical questions relating to adding, subtracting, sharing and multiplying. In addition to this the children will also look at identifying 2D and 3D shapes and describing their properties, including sides and corners for 2D shapes. They will then investigate 3D shape properties which include Vertices, faces and edges.	In Literacy the children will be continuing to use Jolly Phonics to support their reading and writing, working towards recognising sounds and letters in words. Alongside this they will be using their sounds to write simple sentences and using their imagination and own life experiences in their writing. The children will also have an opportunity to use their knowledge of sounds to read a variety of texts and begin to answer comprehension questions. We encourage you to read to and with your children every day.	During this term we will be looking at Superheroes and Transport. We will be exploring what different types of transport there are and how they impact on the environment. Children will also look at the development of transport from the past to the present day. The children will also be learning about modern day super heroes and people who help us this will include the Emergency services! The children will also be looking at growing & changes, including the life cycle of a butterfly, frog and plants. Children will begin to learn new Scientific vocabulary & plant seeds in our outdoor area.
Physical Development & PE	Personal, Social and Emotional Development	Expressive Arts and Design
Our focus this half term in P.E will be to develop our gross motor skills through a range of activities such as climbing, jumping and landing. For our fine motor skills, we will also be continuing to develop pencil grips and ensure our letters are formed neatly. Linked to our PSED theme, we will look at eating healthily and how this affects our bodies.	Reception will begin the term by recognising how to form and maintain healthy relationships. They will learn how to play cooperatively and engage in conversation, as well as think about the perspective of others. In the second half of the term, pupils will identify a variety of risks and consider how these may be avoided. For example, understanding that rules in school and at home help to keep them safe. They will also learn about oral hygiene, the importance of brushing teeth and how often to do this. We will also look at exercise and living a healthy lifestyle linked to Transport. Later in the term we will continue to focus on building relationships.	For our creative development we will be using different media and materials to create pieces of art, music and drama. Our projects will be closely linked to our topics of the term which are Superheroes, Transport, growing and changing. The children will plan and create modes of transport and will then evaluate their learning. The children will also have an opportunity to meet some modern day heroes as we welcome members of the emergency services in to meet the children.
Homework		Information
Monday- Spellings Tuesday- Maths and Reading Books Wednesday- Literacy Thursday- Handwriting Friday- Bug Club, Reading and Spellings will be tested on a Friday.		A reminder that children will have PE every Thursday morning, so we ask that you bring your child's PE kit in on Monday and collect it on Thursday. Throughout the year the children have the opportunity to take part in a number of different art projects so we ask that you bring in any recyclable materials that you may have at home.

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