

CHOLLERTON FIRST SCHOOL

RECEPTION Topic Letter



Welcome to the Spring Term.
Happy New Year to you all!

Our topic this term is **Materials**

In **Communication, Language and Literacy** we will describe objects: what they are made from; what we use them for; whether they are hard, soft, rough, smooth, etc.

We will write simple riddles giving two or three clues for an object.



We are going to do character studies using **Dora the Storer**.

Our sound work continues. Please look for objects which begin with the letter of the week - in your child's reading folder on a Thursday.



In **Maths and Number**, we are looking at teen numbers: one set of ten and one makes 11; 1 set of ten and 2 makes 12, and so on to 20. We will count, order and make sets of teen numbers.

We are working on addition and subtraction: 1 more, 2 more, 1 less, 2 less to create new numbers.

We are also working on number bonds to 10 and on addition patterns, e.g.

$4 + 0 = 4$, $3 + 1 = 4$, $2 + 2 = 4$, $1 + 3 = 4$, $0 + 4 = 4$



In **Shape, Space and Measures** our Maths topic is **time**.

Please talk about night, day, morning, afternoon, midday, days of the week. We will sequence events: first, second, third, through to last.

We look at a clock face and read o'clock and half past time.

In **Understanding the World - the World**, we are sorting objects - looking at the materials that objects are made from. We will look at the properties of materials, e.g. wood - natural not man made, can be changed, floats, strong, etc.



Please look around your home and talk about different materials - wood, metal, clay, wool and plastic.

In **People & Communities** our theme is friendship: why friends are important to us. Friends of Jesus. Also, looking after possessions, giving and receiving, charity and returning lost items.



In **Technology** we will use Ipads to photograph a wall.
We will create posters for our café using an art package on the computer.
We will use 2 simple software for word-processing.

In **Expressive Arts & Design**, the children will make a model table using a variety of materials.

We will make observations of a stone wall, collecting information using the Ipads, then make chalk drawings and recreate a section of wall using clay.

We will be creating cakes - 3D and 2D - for our café using pastels and collage materials.

In **Music** we are singing a variety of songs and we are thinking about pitch - high and low notes.

Physical Development

We will do gymnastics using large apparatus to climb, slide and move safely.

It is **swimming** this half term.



Homework

Please continue with reading practice. The children will now have the opportunity to change the reading scheme books on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday and read to an adult in school. We will **no longer** do personal reading books (the large red book with word cards. You can keep these at home).

Please continue to practice the book and sound cards

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

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