

Dates for Your Diary

Date	Event
4.1.17	8.55am Return to School
11.1.17	9am Baby and toddler Yoga introduction meeting
11.1.17	Year 1 – Adopt a Chef
16.1.17	Crucial Crew – Year 6
18.1.17	Years 4, 5 + 6 Planting fruit trees – Edible Playground
24.1.17	2.30pm – School Nurse Head Lice Workshop for parents/carers
w/c 6.2.17	Internet Safety Week
7.2.17	9-10am School Nurse drop in session
8.2.17	Year 5 Narnia Experience at St Georges Hall
15+16.2.17	Reception Health checks with School Nurse
15.2.17	Morning Nursery trip to Liverpool Museum
16.2.17	Afternoon Nursery Trip to Liverpool Museum
17.2.17	2pm – School Closes for Half Term Break
27.2.17	8.55am – Return to School
28.2.17	4pm Cross Country Race – Sefton Park
2.3.17	World Book Day
7.3.17	Reception classes to visit Recycling Centre
8.3.17	Family Fun Event
9.3.17	Cross Country Race at Wavertree
10.3.17	10am – Full Governing Body Meeting
17.3.17	INSET DAY – School closed for pupils
23.3.17	Mother’s Day Sale
24.3.17	Comic Relief Day (own clothes)
27.3.17—4.4.17	Scholastic Book Sale
29.3.1	1.45-6.30pm Parents Afternoon for Years 1-6
31.3.17	Stay and Play Day for Reception classes
7.4.17	2pm Finish for Easter Holiday
24.4.17	8.55am – Return to school



English

Speaking and Listening

We will be encouraging the children to listen, join in and retell simple stories. We will be encouraging them to act out their stories and create new ones of their own.

What you can do to help:

Find time to chat to the children about their day. Ask your child to tell you a story they know or sing/ say new songs and rhymes they have learnt.

Mathematics

This term we will be consolidating working with numbers to 10. We will be learning how to count accurately, find numbers that are greater than or less than a particular number. Find one more or one fewer than a group of objects. We will begin adding numbers of objects together. We will be learning the names and properties of 3D shapes such as a cube or cylinder.

What can you do to help:

Help your child to count out objects in the home such as pennies, stairs, cars, DVDs etc. Help your child to recognise the numbers and put the right amount of pennies on the number. Show your child household objects and discuss their names such as a can of beans is a cylinder shape.

Topic

We will be covering the following topics this term:

- Winter and Disney's Frozen – Looking at changes in our school garden including ice.
- Why do we get ice and what happens to it.
- What sort of clothes do we need to wear in Winter and why?
- Dressing up as Elsa, Anna or Olaf and acting out the story.
- Super heroes - Enjoying stories about superheroes and enjoying dressing up as a superhero and acting out our own stories and powers.
- Knights and Princesses – Learning about castle life, stories with Knights and princesses in and dressing up as our favourite characters.

What you can do to help:

Talk with your child about what they have done in school, discuss their favourite characters with them and ask what they like about their hero.

Share stories with your child about princesses, knights and superheroes. We have plenty of lovely books in our library that are free to borrow.

Creative Development

We will be learning lots of new stories, songs and rhymes. The children will learn how to use instruments to help their stories come to life.

Painting is always a favourite and we will be creating Winter pictures
Children will be encouraged to make gadgets for their superhero out of junk modelling materials.

What can you do to help :

Talk to your child about any pictures or models they make. Value them by sticking them up on the fridge or wall for a few days. Let your child be a teacher and teach you their new songs , stories or rhymes so that you can join in.



PSHE

We will be encouraging you child to become an independent, confident and sociable learner. Helping them to be patient, take turns and share resources with friends.

Understanding of the world

We will be going on a Winter walk to the park to help us to identify the signs of Winter. During our topic on Superheroes we will be learning about 'Real' superheroes, people who look after us and help us in our community and why we need them such as the fire brigade, police, doctors and nurses.

In class we will be cooking biscuits and pancakes, looking at the changes that occur to the ingredients we use. We will be visiting a real castle in Wales to help us understand how people lived in the past and see the toys children used to play with. Visiting the Playhouse Theatre will help us understand about different peoples jobs and will help us see a story we know acted out by professional actors.

What you can do to help

Discuss seasonal changes that you see with your child when you are out or walking home from school, discuss why some trees have lost all their leaves and what will happen in Spring. Talk to your child about any visits they have had to the dentist, doctors, hospital etc. and how those people helped them.



Physical development, health and well-being

This term we will be learning skills such as balancing, climbing and crawling over, on and through various apparatus. We will be learning how to undress and change into a PE kit and then redress ourselves independently.

We will learn how to celebrate everybody's successes. We will begin to learn about keeping our bodies healthy through exercise and healthy food.

We often have PE lessons led by external professionals on different days and times during the term. Please ensure your child has a school PE kit in school at all times. This can be taken home to wash during the holidays.

What you can do to help:

Encourage your child to dress and undress themselves independently at home. Teach them how to turn inside out socks, jumpers etc. the right way.