



Bookwell Primary School

Reception

Spring 1 Newsletter



Welcome back to School, I hope you all enjoyed the Christmas break and that you are now ready for the new term ahead. We have many exciting things happening this half term and we have a new topic called "Our Wonderful World". We will be exploring some of the following questions:- Why does it snow? Why does the weather change so much? How do stars shine? Why do we need the moon? What are clouds made of? These questions are from the questionnaires you filled out just before your children started school.

### Literacy

This half-term in Literacy, we will be exploring a story called "How to catch a star" by Oliver Jeffers. The children will be developing their comprehension skills as well as questioning and role-play. We will continue our phonics learning, we will learn 4 new phonemes each week and we will work on our blending skills. The children will read 3 times a week working on decoding, prosody and comprehension skills.

### Maths

In Maths, we will continue to explore perceptual subitising and we will introduce conceptual subitising (identifying a whole quantity as a result of composing smaller quantities). We will begin to compose numbers above five up to eight exploring one more and one less.

### Understanding of the World

We will continue our learning for 'Understanding the World' through discussing where we live, identifying differences and similarities between our community and other communities around the World. We will explore our local environment and discuss what Egremont has to offer. We will locate where we live on the map.

### Physical Development

This half term the children will be working with Mrs Mason and they will be engaging in gymnastic sessions. The children will learn how to move and balance with control. They will also experiment with moving around, under, through, and over small and large equipment.

Our P.E Sessions this half term will be on Thursdays.

### Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We follow continue to explore the jigsaw scheme of work for pshe and the jigsaw piece for this half term is called "Dreams and Goals". We will engage in circle time sessions identifying aspirations, how to achieve goals and understanding the emotions that go with this.

### Expressive Arts and Design

This half term, we will start by drawing a person; the children engage in this task every half term, it is a fantastic way to show progression. The children will also be creating models of animals and landmarks in our local area, e.g. castle, Florence mine, Mountains.