



## Reception Class Spring Term 1 Curriculum Letter All Around Us



Dear Parents,

Happy New Year to you all and welcome back!

This half term our topic is 'All Around Us'. It is a great topic as it involves looking at our local area and all of the wonderful places of interest and landmarks that are on our doorstep!

### **Personal, Social and Emotional Development**

As always, we want the children to have a positive and enthusiastic approach to the activities and experiences on offer. We will be continuing to encourage everybody to have a go, try their best and persevere and embrace the challenges that they meet. We want every child to celebrate making mistakes as an important and vital process in their learning.

We will be developing our concentration and want all the children to enjoy achieving what they set out to do and celebrating achievements together.

### **Communication and Language**

We will be using the new language and vocabulary that we learn to express ourselves in conversation and play. It is always so exciting when children recite a new fact they have learned about London or talk about the replica model they have learned to build. Whilst we do teach key vocabulary related to London landmarks which we want the children to learn, we will also be guided by their emerging interests.

### **Physical Development**

We will continue to develop our use of one-handed tools and equipment such as pens, pencils, paintbrushes, scissors and glue. We will be encouraging the children to move freely with pleasure and confidence in a range of interesting and creative ways through P.E, games, dance, music and drama.

Health and self-care are an integral part of the children's learning. We will continue to encourage the children to be as independent as possible and need your support in this. This includes putting their own coats on, shoes and socks and toileting.



### **Mathematics**

In maths we will be continuing to develop our awareness of number and quantity using games, songs and different practical resources.

This half term, we will be exploring mass and capacity.

Using money, in practical experiences, the children will be developing an understanding of 1 more and 1 less. We will also use coins to explore number composition (E.g. different totals.)

We will also continue to reinforce our automaticity of number bonds.

### **Literacy**

This topic also offers wonderful opportunities for the children's development in literacy. We will be encouraging the children to write about the amazing buildings on our doorstep - Big Ben, the Shard, the London Eye, the Houses of Parliament.

We will continue to use the Sounds-Write programme to develop and extend our knowledge of sounds and we will be continuing to practice how to use these sounds to read and write CVC, CCVC and CCVCC words accurately, as well as writing a range of sentences. We will continue to develop our awareness of everyday words and will also continue with our individual reading sessions.

### **Expressive Arts and Design**

We will be using our observation skills to draw and create our own versions of school and the buildings around us.

We will be encouraging the children to explore different roles in new role play areas to enable them to develop their own imaginative ideas.

We will also be creating our own models and artwork of the different places of interest that we see on our walks around the local area using different media such as pastels, chalks, junk modelling and paint.

### **Understanding the World**

This topic has fantastic possibilities for exploring the local area around us. We will be looking at buildings and different types of buildings and what different buildings are used for.

We will be visiting the local area and will be spending time looking at the many different types of shops and transport that exist around us and how we travel from place to place.

