EYFS – Spring Term 2

We hope you have had a lovely half term and are looking forward to being back. This half term our topic is **People Who Help Us.** We will be looking at different jobs that people have in our community and how they can make a difference to us doing the jobs that they do. Please remember to regularly check class dojo for messages to help you keep up to date with everything we have going on.

Important Dates:

Monday 20th February – INSET Day
Wednesday 22nd February – PCSO in to see Reception
Wednesday 1st March – Vocabulary Dress Up
Monday 6th March – Reception heights and weights check
Monday 13th March – Easter multi-skills for Reception
WB Monday 20th March – Spring clean week
Monday 22nd March – Online Safety Day
Friday 31st March – School closes for Easter

English

Key Texts – throughout our English sessions, we will be reading and exploring Mog and the VEE EE TEE as well as non-fiction texts to develop our understanding of the jobs people do within our community. Children will be introduced to the concept of contents pages and index pages, as well as why these might be helpful. If you have any non-fiction books at home it would be useful to explore these with your child, or to visit the local library to look at the difference between fiction and non-fiction.

Early Writing – we will continue to focus on writing CVC and CCVC words and looking at letter formation. We will be using the terminology of **say it – stretch it – sound it**. Children will learn to write 3 and 4 letter words accurately, before moving on to writing longer sentences. Some children are already to beginning to write captions and developing their understanding of a capital letter at the beginning of a sentence, finger spaces between words and a full stop at the end of the sentence. Although, please remember that children all develop at a different paces and we will change our teaching accordingly to help your child develop.

Phonics

In phonics, we will continue to look at alphabetical order and vowels/consonants. We will also begin to look at some new sounds in phonics, made up of 2 letters that work together to make one sound.

Reading

Children will continue to take home a reading book appropriate to their reading skill and ability. We will continue to monitor children's reading closely and move them up to the next book band when appropriate. Please try to read as often as possible at home – we aim for a minimum of 3 times per week. Please ensure that you have written in your child's reading record to indicate that you have read with them – this lets us know that they are ready for a new book on book change day. We will continue to change books on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Communication and Language

Within our communication and language, we will be for the focusing on using and exploring new vocabulary linked to our topic on 'People who Help Us'. In particular, we will look at using vocabulary relating to the equipment that people use and link it to their job. For example, we will learn that a doctor uses a stethoscope. We will also learn what a stethoscope is for and why it is important!

Maths

In maths we will continue to develop our key areas of subitising, counting, cardinality, ordinality and comparison with larger numbers. Children will be looking at the way numbers are made up and how they can be broken into separate parts.

We will also be working on developing our understanding of addition within 10 using concrete objects.

Expressive Art and Design

This half term, children will be looking at joining materials together successfully to make different things. We will look at the different resources we can use to join materials (such as glue, Sellotape and string) as well as the different ways we can connect materials using different joins. Children will make a range of different signs and tools linked to people who help us.

Physical Development

This half-term, PE will be on **Wednesday** and Reception will complete **Teddy Tennis** again during Spring 2. The children loved taking part in tennis and I am sure they will continue to enjoy the tennis sessions this half-term.

Personal Social and Emotional Development

We will be looking at the concept of **relatability**. We will be understanding how we listen to others and the importance of this, as well as what we can learn from others. We will learn how to develop good listening skills that we can use throughout our lives!

Understanding the World

Children will be learning all about the people that help them in their community. We will learn about the importance of helping others and what might happen if we do not have trusted adults who could help us.

We will also look at the history behind Shrove Tuesday and why we get to eat pancakes on this day!

In addition, we will celebrate Mother's Day and discuss why our mothers and other females within our family are amazing and why we are so thankful for what they do!