



Specialist Resource Base Planning November/December 2011

<p><u>Topics</u></p> <p>To tie in with our Arts Week theme of 'Arts around the world', our main theme this half term will be 'My World'.</p> <p>We will be thinking about familiar environments such as our school and our home. We will look at the area around our school then think about the wider area - Richmond and London. We will be talking about what it is like, what we can see, what there is to do and what we like and dislike about it.</p>	<p><u>Numeracy</u></p> <p>We will be working on;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - understanding a range of mathematical vocabulary - matching and sorting - counting in everyday situations (objects, pictures, actions, sounds) - numeral matching and recognition <p>We will be working on shapes and patterns and looking for these in our environment.</p>	<p>We will be starting to work on building a sight vocabulary of high frequency words (list attached).</p> <p>To tie in with our Arts week theme, we will also be looking at some stories from other countries and cultures.</p> <p>Work on pencil control and name writing and letter formation will be ongoing.</p> <p>Our phonics work will continue to focus on understanding the concept of sounds and letters, recognising letters around us and beginning to recognise letter sounds.</p>	<p><u>What you can do to help your child</u></p> <p>Please try to use the Makaton signs at home. We will send home lists of the signs we are learning. Josie is happy to meet with you to discuss this further.</p> <p>Attached is a list of the words we will be focusing on in our reading activities. Please practise them. You could cut them up and play games with them and you can practise making simple sentences with them (please let me know if you'd like any ideas).</p>
<p>During Arts week, we will be learning about different countries – their music, dance, food, culture and traditions. Alongside the Reception classes, our focus country will be Hawaii.</p> <p>Our role play corner will be a home to begin with then we will change it to a dressing up corner and let the children be imaginative in what they'd like to be!</p> <p>Other topics will be;</p> <p>Christmas</p>	<p><u>Communication, language and literacy</u></p> <p>This term, we will be continuing to learn and use the Makaton signs for everyday language. We will send home details of the focus vocabulary. We will also continue to be working intensively on speech sound production.</p> <p>To tie in with our 'my world' topic, we will be looking at stories with familiar settings, focusing mainly on the Oxford Reading Tree Stories. We will continue to work on recognising the characters in these stories and on reading their names.</p>	<p><u>Dates</u></p> <p>7th – 11th Nov – Arts week. Full details to follow.</p> <p>11th Nov – adults only barn dance</p> <p>14th Nov – DAY CLOSURE</p> <p>12th – 15th Dec – IEP review week</p> <p>14th (am) & 15th Dec (pm) – Infant Christmas concert dates</p> <p>20th December – break up for Christmas</p>	<p>We will continue to send home phonics and handwriting activities home. Please practise the sounds and help your child to complete the homework activities.</p> <p>Finally - Look out for shapes when you're out and about!</p> <p>Thank You</p> <p>Class teacher</p> <p>Headteacher</p>