

## Redwood Group Update

Dear Parent,

We hope you have had a good Christmas. Just a little update of what we are going to be up to in class this term.

Our topic this term is *Countries around the world*.

What we will do in school...

### Science

We will be looking at the different animals and where they live.

### Geography

We will be visiting local buildings, seeing what happens in different buildings; e.g. the library, the supermarket, the swimming pool.

How could we travel to different places?  
What would we pack in our suitcase to go on holiday somewhere warm/cold?

### Literacy

We will be learning to create, complete or write short sentences. We will be encouraging the children to describe what they see in pictures.

### Art

We are looking at how we can use paint in a variety of ways to create different effects. We will be creating class models of landscapes

### PSHE

We will be looking at recognising gender, the different parts of the body of males and females.

We will be encouraging the children to identify how they are feeling.

### Maths

We will be learning to count up to 100, estimating then counting to check. Some of us will be looking at counting in groups of 2. We will be comparing amounts, shape and size.

What you could do together at home...

Look at animals you see as you are out and about, where do they live? What might they eat? Talk about what they look like? Do they have fur/feathers/wool? How many legs do they have? Can you see if they have ears?

When you are out and about talk about what different buildings are, e.g. where do you go if you want to eat out?

Talk about directions and which way you need to go to get somewhere.

When dressing or going out, talk about why you may need a jumper or a raincoat.

Share books at home with your children.

Ask your children about what they can see in the pictures? What do they like about the book?

Talk to your children about how objects look and feel. Talk to them about things they like to touch and things they don't like the feel of.

Talk about the gender of different family members.

Label your child's emotions as they display them. For instance, tell them they look happy when they are smiling. Talk about how their favourite characters might be feeling when watching cartoons.

Count with your child when you are out and about, how many people are in the park? How many bananas are in my shopping?

Compare amounts, who has the most chips? Who has the biggest pizza slice?



## Swimming - every Friday

Redwood Group will be going swimming at Bletchley Pool on Fridays. Please send your child into school every Friday with:

- a swimming costume/trunks
- a towel
- soap for washing themselves and moisturising if needed
- in a bag that is large enough for them to put all their clothes into.



## PE - every Monday and Thursday

Please send a PE kit (any comfortable shorts and T-shirt ) in a bag to keep in school. We will send it home every half-term for you to wash. Please could you send in a labelled water bottle for the children to have access to drink while they are participating in activities, these will be washed and refilled by the children themselves to increase their independence skills.

## Spare Clothes

Your child will have opportunities to engage in sensory activities including messy play with water, sand, paint, etc. Although the children are encouraged to wear aprons, accidents do happen! Please send a spare set of clothes for your child in case they should need to change.



## Home-School Book

We will try to write in the home-school book every day to let you know what your child has been doing, what they have eaten, how they have been, and anything else we think you would like to hear about their day. We will also put important letters in the book. **Please read the book every day.**

Please feel free to write what your child has been up to at home, any new achievements and any concerns or questions you may have. If your child has missed breakfast, or had a bad night's sleep - please let us know so that we can care for them accordingly (breakfast can be arranged if needed).

Thank you for taking the time to read this, if you have any other queries, please don't hesitate to contact us.

*Georgina and the Redwood team; Caroline, Sam, Su and Lucy*