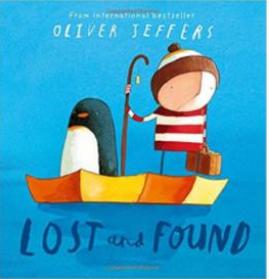


Picasso Class Spring Term 1 2021

Curriculum Information for Parents - Reception

<p style="text-align: center;">Personal and Social Development</p>  <p>The children will be: Exploring different expressions / emotions Talking about feeling worried - sorting worries into real and imagined worries. Thinking about uncomfortable feelings and what strategies could they use to feel better. Explore what feeling relaxed / calm means.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Communication and Language</p> <p>The children will be: Communicating with friends about how they feel / what they think about various subjects. Explaining their thoughts and listening to the thoughts of others. Learning new vocabulary related to topic work e.g. China, materials, Art etc.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Physical Development</p> <p>The children will be: Encouraged to develop fine and gross motor skills through a range of activities.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Literacy</p>  <p>The children will be: Looking in detail at the stories The Magic Paintbrush and Lost and Found. Learning the sounds that letters make. Learning to use the letters sounds they have learnt to read and write words and captions. Direct phonics teaching will take place 5 times a week.</p>	 	<p style="text-align: center;">Mathematics</p>  <p>The children will be: Developing accurate counting. Recognising numerals. Developing practical strategies for addition and subtraction. Finding out about doubles. Recording their work through drawings and learning to form numerals correctly.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Understanding the World</p> <p>The children will be: Finding out about materials. They will be finding out about the properties of different materials and using words such as bumpy, rough, soft to describe them. Finding out how and why Chinese New Year is celebrated. They will be listening to, acting out and sequencing the story of The Great Race. They will explore maps and atlases to find out more about where we live in the world.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">OTHER INFORMATION</p> <p>Being active is important. Make sure that you get some fresh air/are active each day. Please ensure that you are reading regularly with your child. This includes you reading to them as well as them reading to you. Your child has a password/account for Spelling Shed, Numbots and Teach Your Monster to Read.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Expressive Arts and Design</p>  <p>The children will be: Exploring colour mixing - naming the primary colours Painting a Chinese style blossom picture Acting out and re-telling stories with props and actions Designing a boat for the characters in Lost and Found Preparing and making a Chinese recipe.</p>

ENGLISH

In English we will be sharing lots of stories. We will be looking in detail at the text *The Magic Paintbrush*. In this unit of work we will be considering what we would paint with our own magic paintbrush like Shen. We will be exploring rhyme and generating rhyming words. We will develop our use of adjectives by describing Shen. We will sequence the story, recalling the main events. Finally we will create our own version of the story by changing items that the main character paints.

We will then move on to look at the story *Lost and Found*.

We will use phonics to spell unknown words and practise spelling known words correctly. When writing sentences we will be using 'and' to join our ideas. We will be using describing words to make our writing more interesting.

In Reading we will be exploring the meaning of new words and vocabulary and we will be using phonics to decode unfamiliar words.



Other Information

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MATHS

In Maths we will begin by learning more about numbers and the number system. We will be developing different strategies for addition and subtraction.

We will be recognising and writing numbers and spelling number names.

We will be finding ways to represent numbers using practical resources and drawings. We will explore how to apply these strategies to help us to solve word problems.

In Science we will be learning about materials. We will be distinguishing between an object and the material it is made from. We will be describing the properties of different materials.

In RE we will be finding out what Chinese New Year is. We will be acting out and sequencing the Zodiac Story and learning how Chinese New Year is celebrated.

In Computing we will be learning how to stay safe online. Safer Internet Day is Tuesday 9th February. The theme for this day is 'An internet we trust'. For this we will look at how reliable the information we find online is.

Geography work will involve learning about the seven continents of the world. We will look at maps and globes and explore where we live in relation to other places across the world. To link with our Literacy text we will find out more about China; The culture and similarities and differences between our lives and the lives of people in China.

In Art we will be exploring primary and secondary colours as well as using paint to create Chinese style blossom pictures.

In DT we will design a boat to cross the ocean and we will plan for, prepare and cook a Chinese recipe.