



## Reception Class

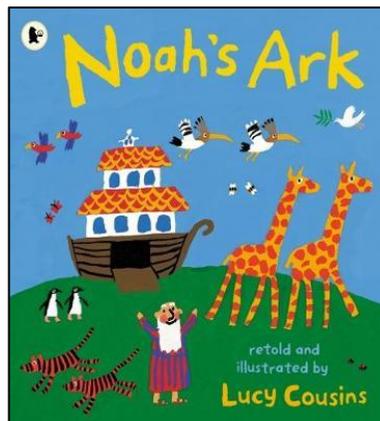
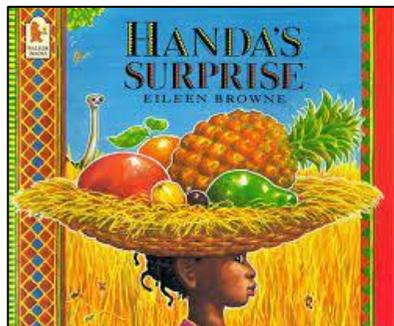


### What is my child learning this half term?

#### Literacy and Phonics

Our focus will be 'our world'. We will be reading a wide variety of stories for enjoyment. We will also be focussing on stories that will give us a window into our world, such as Walking through the Jungle, Sharing a Shell, Noah's Ark, Handa's Surprise and 5 Little Men in a Flying Saucer. We will continue to learn our letter sounds and blending sounds together to make simple words and phrases

Please try to read stories and share books with your children every day. Our 'Favourite Stories' can be accessed and listened to via the school website [bsl.leeds.sch.uk](http://bsl.leeds.sch.uk). Look for the 'Early Years' page!



#### Maths

We will be ordering numbers and number shapes to 10. We will be learning how to make number shapes by adding more or taking objects to make the correct amount. We will be using the vocabulary of 'one more' and 'one less'.

We will be comparing lengths of objects and investigating weighing objects and balance. Maybe you could practise at home by holding an object in each hand and deciding which object is the heaviest?

#### Role Play Area

This half term will be a travel area. Children will have the opportunity to explore the globe and maps to decide on a holiday destination. They will write passports, tickets and pack their suitcases! Can you talk with your child about any trips you have been on? Do you have any pictures to share together?

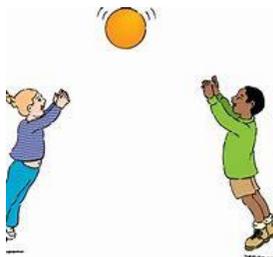


## Circle Time

Our topic this half term is 'Knowing and understanding myself and setting realistic goals'. In this time we will be thinking about how we have changed since being a baby and the things we can do now that we couldn't do when we were very little. We will then be setting a class goal to achieve this half term and work together to see if we can achieve it. We will be working on our resilience as we work through situations that are more difficult and need us to keep on trying despite setbacks.

## PE: Ball Skills

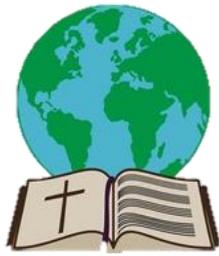
The children will be using different parts of their body to control different sized balls. The children will move on to working as part of a team to play ball games. We will be practising throwing and catching. Do you have any balls that you could practise catching and throwing at home?



## Topic

The topic this half term is 'Our World'. We will be looking at the globe and Google Maps to explore different parts of our world to look at the oceans and the land. We will be focussing on the weather and how it changes with seasons and how different parts of the world have different weather. We will be looking at different animals that live in different habitats. We will also be thinking about how we can look after our world by recycling and reusing. We will also be looking at the immediate area in which we live with its different amenities.

To enhance our learning, we will have a visit from 'Safari Sam' who will bring with him different animals for us to see. This will include a tortoise, stick insects and an armadillo.



## **RE and Collective Worship**

We will be learning about how God created the world and learning about the different days of creation. We will be setting ourselves a challenge to pro-actively look after the world that God created. Do you have recycling bins at home? Can you sort some rubbish at home with your child and put it in the correct bin together?

### Music

The children have weekly singing time and are learning to sing a melody with the correct tune. They will have a weekly lesson with Mr Duffy where they play different instruments and practise performing. The children have opportunities in the classroom to perform on the Reception stage and respond to music in their own way. Do you have any favourite songs that you can sing together at home?

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter. We hope you will find the information helpful. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher. If you have any comments or suggestions for future newsletters, please let a member of staff know. Thanks again, Reception Team

### **Vocabulary for this half term**

Weather: weather, sunshine, cloudy, rain, snow, wind

Our Country: United kingdom, capital city, London, home, city, Leeds, England

Our World: autumn, winter, countries, mountains, rivers, lakes, desert, ocean, forests, land, sea, globe, planet earth

Looking after our World: recycle, pollution, litter.

Please use these words with your child when asking them about what they have been learning in school.