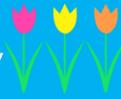




# Cannon Lane Primary School



## Reception Newsletter

Spring First Half Term 2016



Dear Parents and Carers,

This term the children have been learning all about Traditional Tales. They have made such progress with reading, writing and mathematics.

### Writing

Traditional Tales contain lots of examples of story language that helps the children begin to write their own stories. The children learn to start a story with 'Once upon a time...' and to end it with 'and they all lived happily ever after.' We also teach the children about direct speech and using speech bubbles to write down the characters' words. At home, please encourage your child to tell you the stories we have been learning in school. The children can also begin to tell or write their own stories. The children are also encouraged to innovate based on stories that are familiar and create their own versions e.g. Goldilocks and the Three Dinosaurs. We would be delighted to see any stories the children write at home.

### Mathematics

This term, the children are learning about Shape, Space and Measure. Just this week we have been learning about 3D shapes. The children have been so excited by this topic and they really enjoy learning the names and properties of shapes such as cylinder, sphere, vertices and faces. Please continue to ask the children to find shapes in the environment especially while visiting parks and places of interest over the half term.



## Learning Journeys

Thank you so much for all your wonderful contributions to the Learning Journeys that we sent home at Christmas. We are continuing to add photos, observations and samples of work for each child during this term. We are hoping to send them home to you again at Easter. In the meantime, if your child would like to bring some learning from home to put in the Learning Journey they would be very welcome.

## Spring Workshops

### Maths

Thank you so much for your support of our workshops. We hope you find them a useful opportunity to find out about how your child is learning at school and also to ask the team questions. A Maths booklet is now available on the school website under Helping Your Child.

### Personal Social & Emotional Development & Characteristics of Effective Learning

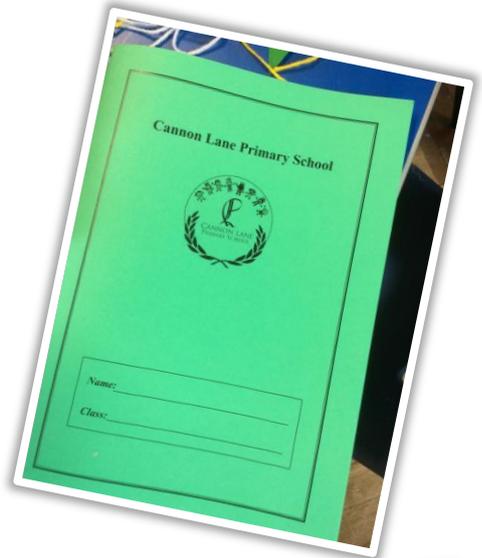
Next workshop will be after half term on Personal, Social and Emotional Development and the Characteristics of Effective Learning on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February at 2pm and repeated again at 6pm.

## Legoland Trip

All Reception children will be visiting Legoland at the end of the Spring Term. We have booked a workshop to support children using Lego to help with storytelling and story writing. Letters and permission slips will be sent out by the office shortly.

## Outdoor canopy

As you may have noticed the work has begun on the construction of the outdoor canopy at the back of the Reception classes. The plan is for this work to be completed over half term so we should have a fully-functioning covered outdoor space by the end of February.



Please feel free to come and see me if there is anything I can support you with.

Kind Regards

Mrs Rea, Assistant Headteacher for Early Years Foundation Stage