



Charlton Kings Infants' School

'The wings to fly, the confidence to try'



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Dear Families,

Our main whole school theme for the Spring term is 'Planet Earth's Great Lands'. In Reception, we will be looking at hot and cold lands with a key question of 'Where in the world am I?'. The topic will be based around contrasting global locations (e.g. the Arctic, Antarctic, jungles and deserts). We are following the children's lines of enquiry alongside our core plans for learning and are excited to see which direction our big question will lead us.

In Literacy this term, the children will continue to learn the digraphs (two letters that make one sound, e.g. sh/ch/qu). We will focus on letter formation and developing sentence writing as well as giving the children opportunities to write independently for a range of purposes using their phonic knowledge. We will also continue to read and write some 'tricky' words each week (words that cannot be sounded out).

In Mathematics, we will be continuing to explore numbers and the number system and develop our calculation skills by comparing, ordering, adding and subtracting. We will be learning to explore and represent patterns within numbers up to 10, including evens and odds, double facts and how quantities can be distributed equally. As well as exploring mathematical understanding of number, weight, capacity and measure through practical activities, the children will develop their recording skills to demonstrate their understanding.

Home learning and reading

We are so pleased with the progress our children are making with their reading and we would like to thank you for your ongoing support with your child's learning at home. The phonics folder is key in consolidating phonics learning in class, so please regularly look back through these with your child. We would also like to remind you about the importance of **daily** reading. Please record each time you read in your child's yellow diary. Studies show that children who are 'read to' using texts beyond their own reading capability make accelerated progress, so please do not forget the value of bedtime stories/shared story time *on a daily basis*.

Please do also remember that your child has access to 'Numbots' which is an engaging and enjoyable way for your child/ren to practise and reinforce their quick recall of number facts.

Many thanks for your continued support,

The Reception Team

