

Ref: PP/GG

4th March 2010

Dear Parents and Carers

Spring Update - Foundation Class

We would like to update you on learning in Lions and Tigers this half term.

IPC



Our new theme for the next few weeks will be 'Treasure'.

This unit is part of the Early Years programme of the International Primary Curriculum. This new curriculum has been specially written for young children who are in schools out of their home country and sets out clearly what children should learn in four groups, or 'strands' - these are called 'Independence and Interdependence', 'Communicating', 'Exploring' and 'Healthy Living'.

The activities which have been planned will cover these strands in the following ways:

Independence and Interdependence



The children will have opportunities during this theme to work and play alone and alongside others. They will need to co-operate in order to find the treasure and will take on other roles when taking part in pirate play.

Communicating



We will listen to stories about pirates and use words and pictures to write our own pirate storybook. The children will use numbers to count coins and develop an enjoyment of numbers when estimating how many coins are in the treasure chest. They will be involved in making a pirate ship and develop skills of designing, cutting, sticking and painting.

Exploring



The children will be encouraged to be curious and to make their own decisions when burying and finding the treasure. Many of the pirate activities will involve them in symbolic and dramatic play.

They will classify objects by observable features such as 'shiny' and 'dull'.



In order to find the treasure they will need to learn about maps and this knowledge will be developed when they look for islands on the globe.

Healthy Living

The children will need to pay attention and make choices during the treasure hunt. They will also have the opportunity to talk about their emotions when they discuss their own personal treasure.

We would like you to come and share our learning at an Exit Point on Thursday 25th March at 2.20 p.m. There will be no Bags of Fun session on this day.

Learning Heroes Workshop



Ruby Reciprocity

Milan Reflective

Rakesha Resourceful

Billy Resilient

We are very excited about introducing our Learning Hero puppets to Lions and Tigers. These characters are being introduced throughout the school to create a powerful learning culture based around the 4 R's of learning power.

To explain this more fully we would like to invite you to a short **workshop** on **Wednesday 17th March at 9.00 a.m. in the SCITT building.**

EducationCity.com Workshops

EducationCity.com is a fun way to consolidate the learning that is happening in school. To explain how this works we would like to invite you to a **workshop** on **Wednesday 31st March at 9.00 a.m. in Panther class.**

Best wishes

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