



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we will be celebrating **International Week!**

With the excitement of the football World Cup taking place in the USA, we will be exploring three countries: **Canada, the USA and Mexico**. The children will be finding out simple facts about each country, learning about their flags, listening to some traditional music and creating some lovely pieces of artwork inspired by what they discover.

You are warmly invited to join us on **Friday from 3pm** to come and see all the fabulous learning and artwork the children have created.

Phonics - In phonics we will be carrying on learning the phase 5 sounds: 'au' (launch), 'ey' (key), 'a_e' (cake), and 'e_e' (athlete). We will be learning the harder to read and spell words: 'would' and 'could'.

Literacy - The children will listen to a range of different stories from other countries, helping them to explore new cultures, traditions and ways of life. We will be talking about the settings, characters and themes within these stories, as well as enjoying lots of opportunities to respond through discussion, role play and creative activities.

Understanding the World - The children will be finding out where North America is by locating it on maps and globes. We will also be learning about the animals that live in different countries, tasting a selection of foods and listening to a variety of music from across the continent.

Maths - This week the children will be developing their understanding of shapes and their properties. We will be looking at complex shape pictures and discussing the variety of shapes that have been used to create the picture.

Music - We will be listening to the National Anthems from the continent of North America.

As part of International Week, we would love to celebrate the wonderful diversity within our Reception classes. We kindly ask that you send in a photo that showcases your family's heritage. This could be something such as traditional foods you have cooked, traditional clothing, or even a special landmark from your home country. We will use these photos to create a display on our class world maps, helping the children to learn more about each other and the wider world.

For our food tasting activities, the children will have the opportunity to try a small selection of foods linked to North America. These will include pancakes, maple syrup on breadsticks, and tortilla chips with salsa and/or guacamole.

Please let us know if you would prefer your child **not** to participate in this activity. Any donations of cream of tartar and salt would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you in advance 😊

Diary Dates

Monday 22nd June - International Week

Friday 26th June - Parents are invited to see work produced by children this week - **From 3pm**

Tuesday 30th June - Surrey Schools Transition Day - All children will spend the day in new class. More details to follow

Thank you,
The Reception Team 😊