

Early Years "setting sail on our learning journey"

Physical Development

- Effects of exercise, sleep, nutrition on our bodies.
- Correct letter formation of phonic letter sounds using kinetic letters.
- Exploring body movements and the shapes that we can make with our bodies.
- Jumping and moving with control.
- Learning to use one handed tools including pencils and scissors.

Understanding the world

- Comparing special celebrations including the Chinese New Year.
- Investigating the similarities and differences in our immediate environment - Local walk
- Observing changes over seasons.
- Growing plants and vegetables in Welly Wednesday.
- To use the buttons on a bee-bot to enable them to move in different directions - debugging.

Expressive Arts and Design

- Taking on roles in our in our role-play areas.
- Learn and sing a range of songs.
- Exploring colour mixing with Winter pictures.
- Art work inspired by 'Reggio' approach.
- Exploring texture - rubbings of different materials.

Trip Trap Trip Trap

Communication and Literacy

- Winter senses poem.
- 'Troll' wanted posters.
- Learning to orally tell a story, using a story map - traditional tales.
- Innovation.
- Non-fiction texts.
- Writing sentences using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops.
- Labelling and list writing.
- Developing our talk partner work

Mathematics

- Ordering by height or length.
- Number recognition with numbers 0-20.
- Investigating patterns in numbers.
- Exploring calculations - addition and subtraction.
- Exploring 3D shapes and their properties.
- Ordering our days of the week

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- Play co-operatively, taking turns with others.
- Explore our learning heroes.
- Speak confidently in front of a large group and visitors.

Things you can do at home:

- Practice recognising and ordering numbers up to twenty.
- Find the number that is one more than and one less than a given number.
- Read and write the sounds taught in phonics and apply to words.
- Write short captions and sentences for a variety of purposes.
- Develop pencil hold at home by providing opportunities for your child to write, draw and colour using a variety of equipment such as chalks, paints and pencils.

Foundation Stage 2 (FS2)

Spring Term 2018

We hope you and your child have enjoyed a lovely Christmas break and return well rested and ready for the second term in Early Years! Our next theme is called 'Trip Trap, Trip Trap'. To kick start our new theme during we will be exploring the story of 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff'. We will be learning the story using a text map, writing captions to retell the story and adding 'wow' words to make our sentences sound more interesting. In addition to this, we will be exploring the construction areas and developing our planning and design skills as we build bridges for the Billy Goats. We will also be using our wood work area and applying our newly acquired skills to build bridges for the small world characters.

During our mathematical enquiries we will be ordering by size and measuring using a variety of equipment. We will also be continuing our exploration of regular and irregular dot patterns, ordering Numicon and developing our understanding of one more and one less. Alongside this we will be completing practical addition and subtraction problems.

During this term we will also be celebrating Chinese New Year. The children will be able to try a range of different foods and learn about how Chinese people celebrate this festival. During our PE sessions, we will be thinking about the importance of being active, diet and exercise alongside our gym, games and dance session each week. The children are also going to be exploring the different shapes they can make with their bodies in PE and making plasticine models of themselves.

To enhance the children's learning experiences we will also be introducing 'Welly Wednesday'. Each child will receive a letter with further details about this on returning to school in January.

Wow what a busy term we have planned! If you have any questions concerning the term ahead then please ask a member of the Early Years team. Also if you would like to come into school, or send in any resources you may have of your own linked to our theme, this would be greatly appreciated. Parental comments are greatly important to us, therefore may we remind you about our 'Wow at Home'. If your child achieves something at home that makes you say 'wow'; please write it on a 'wow voucher' provided on your home visit (please remember to include your child's name!) Keep your eye open on the year group blog and the 'Learning Journey Board' in the Green room which will give you and your child an opportunity to pose questions linked to our theme.

In addition, if you have any particular skills you wish to share with the children linked with a hobby or profession please do get in touch with a member of the Early Years team. It would be lovely to invite you into school to share your skills with our children.

Many thanks to the parents that have already contributed to the voluntary contribution of cooking money.

We have planned lots of cooking opportunities to support your child's learning, to support us in doing this, we request a suggested donation of £5.
Early Years Team.