

Don't forget.....

- To name hats, scarves and gloves
- To send a coat with a hood into school with your child every day.
- To share a book with your child 3 times over the weekend and to sign their reading record.
- Return their reading book on a Monday.
- To get your child to do their own coat up.
- To send your child into school in their PE kits on their PE day. Tuesday - Buttercup, Wednesday - Snowdrop, Thursday - Poppy, Friday - Daisy. Please ensure they wear **trainers** on these days **NOT** school shoes and continue to wear their purple school jumpers.
- To read a bedtime story to your child at home every night, this helps them develop a love of reading and helps develop their vocabulary.

Maths

In Mathematics we will be securing our knowledge of numbers to 5 by comparing the numbers and also looking at different ways these numbers are made up. Eg; the number 4 can be made up by adding 2 + 2, 3 + 1, 1 + 1 + 2.

We will also be comparing capacity, weight, height and length. We will be looking at time and how we can measure time, and what time is.

We will introduce numbers 6 to 8, looking at the pairs of numbers that make these numbers. We also look in more detail at combining 2 groups to find a total.

Communication and Language

In Communication and Language we will be learning the technical vocabulary of stories, so please ask questions like these when you share a book with your child. Who are the characters? Where does the story take place? What happens in the beginning? What do you think will happen next? We will also be discussing how people in different jobs help us in different ways.

Dear Parents/Carers

Happy New Year to you all, we hope you enjoyed the Christmas holidays. The children have returned full of energy and ready to learn in yet another busy half term. We hope you enjoyed our Christmas performance, we were so proud of them and I hope you were too. It was amazing to see so many of you, and I know the children loved performing for you.

Our topic this half term is:

PEOPLE WHO HELP US & INSTRUCTIONS



Physical Development

We are continuing to develop children's fine motor skills by supporting your child to hold a pencil correctly and supporting them in using scissors correctly. We will also be focussing on forming our letters correctly, making sure they start in the correct place and go in the correct direction. In PE we will be looking at ball skills using our hands, maybe you could take a ball to the park and practise throwing, catching and bouncing the ball.

Understanding of the World

Our work in Understanding the World will encourage children to share their different experiences and we will be particularly looking at different occupations and how these occupations help us in our communities. We will also be looking at how nurses and the police have changed over time. We look forward to our doctor, police, optician and dental nurse visitors who will be coming in to talk to the children about how they help us. Throughout the half term we will be listening to stories from the bible and Qu'ran, learning about Sikhism and also the Chinese New Year.

English and Phonics

In English we are encouraging children to use the phonic sounds they know in both reading and writing.

They continue to bring reading books home at a weekend and we hope you are impressed with their reading. **Please remember to sign in their reading records when you have shared the book together.**

We have been really impressed at how well the children are coming on with their blending and segmenting. Please also revise all the sounds in the green phonics books to help your child become more fluent in their reading and writing, we add new digraphs every week! Our story we will be learning this term is **The Little Red Hen**. Try asking your child to retell the original story. We are starting to write simple sentences at school, reinforcing capital letters at the beginning of sentences, full stops at the end and finger spaces between words. We will also be looking at the verb in a sentence and reinforcing that this word tells us what is being done. Perhaps look for these features when you are reading so they can see them in use.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Our Personal, Social and Emotional Education this half-term will focus on building good relationships with adults and children in school. Our Value for January is Tolerance and the value for February will be Honesty.

With the SEAL topic of 'Going for Goals' the children will be working towards targets they have set themselves to improve in something they find tricky. Also throughout the term we will continue to be linking our values to important articles in the news and world.

Expressive Arts and Design

We will continue to develop children's artistic skills. This half-term we are learning to use different media to create pictures. We will also be learning lots of new songs linked to stories and people who help us.