



Hello lovely families! Welcome to the start of the new year! We are looking forward to teaching lots of new things throughout this term to your children and see the progress they will make! Here is an update on all the things we will be learning this term....

Important Dates:

WB 13th Jan: Forest School Resumes
Alternate family Fridays: Parent workshops: see Class Dojo for information.
Various dates across March: Your children will have an opportunity to visit a farm! Watch out for your child's date!



Our PE Days:

Friday



Our book changing days:

Friday



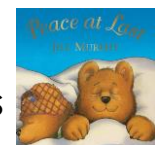
Homework:

Please take the time to talk to your child about their day. Read them a story at bedtime.
Please complete the speed read sheets we send home each week.



Literacy:

Every half term we will have two focus stories. Our stories this term are; Peace at Last and The Little Red Hen. We will explore key vocabulary from these texts and begin to learn how to learn stories by heart and retell them. We will work towards producing pictures with labels and captions to show meaning.



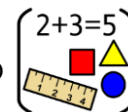
Communication and Language:

This term we are continuing to learn how to use our looking eyes and listening ears. This helps children be ready to learn new things and remember them. We will be teaching children how to answer who and what questions, responding with a who, what doing and where sentence. We will learn new and ambitious vocabulary in our word of the week sessions such as Nocturnal and Migrate.



Maths:

In maths this term we will continue to learn how to subitise numbers 1-4, to look at an amount of objects and know how many there are without counting. We will also learn about the composition of numbers to 1-7 and make comparisons using the words 'more than, less than and equal'. We will explore height and length, as well as continuing to model the use of prepositional language (on top/behind). We will learn about squares and how to continue a pattern.



Phonics

The children are now fully participating in our Sounds Write lessons. We will continue to work on children's listening skills and their ability to blend. We will continue to learn how to hear the first sound in any given word. We will be focussing on children learning to build, read and spell words with 3 sounds such as cat, hot and peg. Watch out for upcoming parents workshops around reading!



PSHE:

This term is all about us learning how to talk about our feelings using the feelings thermometer. We will read stories that help us to understand our own feelings and those of others. We will continue to use our school COGS to describe our learning processes. We will learn how to turn our resilient cog, and not give up on our goals.



Physical Development:

A big focus of this term is preparing children to write and form letters correctly. We will look at core body strength by encouraging children to use our movement play area. We will be introducing lots of clay modelling experiences to really help with fine muscle development.



People, Culture and Communities:

A big focus of this half term is to talk about emergency services and the important role that they have in our community. We will look at how they help us and some may even pay us a visit!. We will then learn all about 2 key festivals, Lunar New Year and of course, Eid.



Understanding The World

This term we will be learning about all things Winter! We will be talking about the changes that we see, particularly within our local area. We will explore Nocturnal animals in Spring 1 and then move onto farm animals in spring 2. We will be having some exciting visitors at the end of spring 2 that may make a few changes whilst in our care...watch out for this! We will also be developing our garden, planting spring flowers and watching them grow!



Expressive Arts and Design

This term we will explore joining materials further by using much finer detail when creating with paper. We will encourage children to use scissor skills to shape their paper to make something else.... A skill that will help them in their Big Create Week: creating a Nocturnal animal display and making a farm animal costume. We will also be learning many farm themed rhymes and songs to perform for you in our spring concert!



Attendance Ladder



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