

EYFS Newsletter

Autumn Term 2 2024

English

Reception

This half term our key English text is 'Whatever Next?' by Jill Murphy. Children will make predictions about events in the text, answer simple questions about key events and characters and sequence the story. There will be lots of writing activities linked to this text such as writing a list of things to take to the moon. There will also be lots of opportunities for speaking and listening and role play. Our environment will be enhanced with activities linked to space, which I'm sure the children will enjoy.

Nursery

In Nursery the key text is 'So Much' by Trish Cooke. This is a lovely story about family members and the love they show for their family. Children will learn to talk about the characters and make links to their own family members. They will also join in with key parts of the story and be able to sequence events.

Sound Cards & Reading Books

Reception

Thank you for your support with reading at home. Flashcards will continue to be updated weekly, and children will read with an adult in school on Thursday or Friday which is when their Monster Phonics book may be changed.

I hope your children are enjoying our Godley Reading Spine books - please keep these books in the plastic wallets and bring to school every day alongside their Monster Phonics books and flashcards.

Nursery

Please continue to read to your children and share books as often as possible. We hope our Nursery children are enjoying our new Godley Reading Spine too.

Fine Motor Skills & Writing

Reception

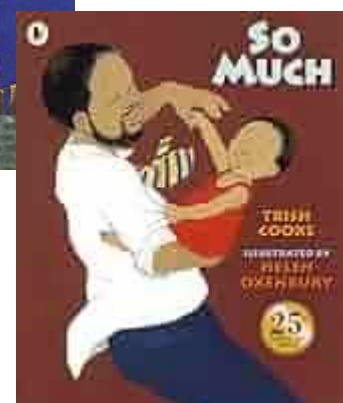
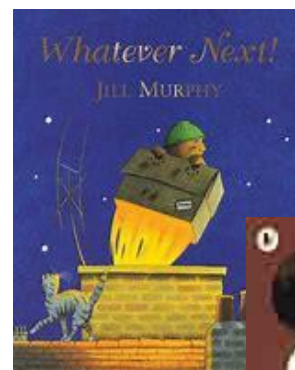
Fine and gross motor skills activities will continue in provision to support children with their writing. We encourage children to develop a comfortable and secure 'tripod' grip when holding their pencil. Please see the image across the page and support your child at home with this.

For any children who struggle with this we will provide a triangular pencil or a pencil grip.

Children will continue to learn how to form letters accurately with a focus on lower case. We will be encouraging the children to mark make and write for purposes that are meaningful to them and develop confidence in writing independently.

Nursery

This half term we are continuing to develop our gross and fine motor skills. We will be using a range of resources such as Lego, playdough, beads and thread, jigsaws, and tweezers to develop the strength and dexterity of our hands, in order to prepare the children for early writing.

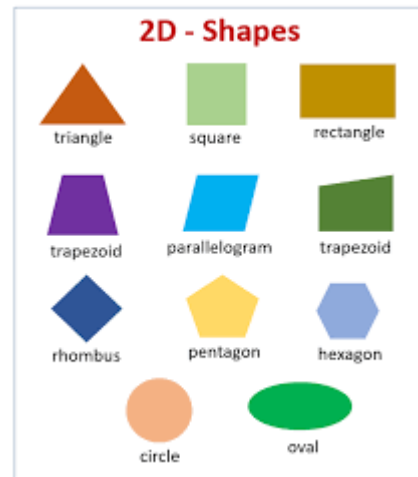


Maths

Reception: This half term we will be continuing to develop our understanding of numbers and what they represent. We will be focusing on the concepts of matching and sorting, more and less and developing our understanding of the numbers 1-5. We will also be focussing on 2D shapes - Circles, triangles and 4 sided shapes.

Nursery: Children will continue to use numbers in play - matching, sorting, comparing objects according to size and comparing quantities using 'more' and 'fewer.'

Children will be learning about numbers 1-3, recognising the symbol, counting objects, making marks, and using numicon and number blocks to support their understanding. They will also learn about more 2D shapes and use these in their learning.



Wider Curriculum

This week is antibullying week where children are learning about how to be a good friend.

In Reception children are thinking about the past and using language such as now, then, yesterday, last week and a long time ago to talk about things that have happened in the past. They will look at timelines and learn to order the key events in their lives. Children will also be thinking about how they have changed over time.

In Nursery, children are thinking about who they are, who is in their family and who is special to them.

All children will explore the season of winter and how this is different to autumn. They will observe changes in the weather and think about events that happen in this season.

Children will learn about the Christmas story and how this is a festival for Christians.

Reminders

* If a different person is coming to collect your child, please send a message via Class Dojo or let us know in the morning so we can make sure they are dismissed safely to the correct person. **We will not be able to dismiss your child to any person other than parents or guardians unless consent has been given by yourselves.**

* Please bring your child's Godley Primary Academy bookbag to school each day with your monster phonics book, flashcards and library book. The children do not need to bring an additional school bag.

• Look out for Xmas dates on MCAS app and on Class Dojo. There will be an EYFS Xmas show, a party and a panto to look forward to!

* If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to ask a member of staff!

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Maxted and the EYFS team