Spring 1 2024 – Foundation Stage Curriculum Newsletter.

Dear Parents/Carers,

Here is an overview of what your child will be learning this half term across the different areas of learning. Our topic for the first half of the Summer term is called **'I wonder if that really happened?**'. The topics we choose are led by the children's interests and usually encompass several areas of learning. For this reason, the topics may change to reflect the direction the children wish to take their learning.

Each week we will be taking on a different theme using the following books as part of our week's main focus:



In Literacy we will be exploring traditional stories. We will be using story maps to retell the story using the repeated language from the story. We will be focusing on writing dictated sentences where we rehearse the sentence and segment each word.

We will revisit Level 3 phonics and focus on writing the digraphs and trigraphs in words and captions. We will introduce new tricky words and practicing spelling the ones we already know. We will make sure that we are forming all our letters correctly.

In Math's we will be counting beyond 10 and looking at teen numbers. We will understand that teen numbers are made of a full 10 and then we need to start a new 10 frame. We will continue to develop our knowledge and confidence with numbers to 10 and talk about the number bonds of 10. Our math's work will be practical where we get the chance to talk about what we see and how we see it when looking at different amounts and physically move objects around to understand how larger amounts are made from smaller groups. We will revisit number doubles to 5 and know if a number is odd or even. In Personal, Social and Emotional development we will maintain our focus in longer inputs. We will show perseverance when working independently and in a group on all different kinds of activities. We will learn about what keeps us healthy – mind, body, food, drink and cleanliness.

In 'Understanding the World' we will look at how our seasons are changing and what we can see now that it is spring time . We will hopefully find some tadpoles in the pond and observe how they change to froglets.

Our Physical development focus will continue with building strength in both fine and gross motor actions. We will continue to focus on holding our pencils with control to help form letters correctly. We will focus on developing our scissors skills. As we spend more time outside we will develop larger motor skills such as climbing, balancing, hopping, skipping and digging.

In P.E we will focus on sending and receiving - ball skills.

In Expressive arts and design we will be applying the skills that we have learnt so far with attachment and choosing resources to represent and create. We will manipulate materials and talk about our creations. In music we will explore using tempo, beat and dynamics when singing songs and playing instruments.

We will send home a library book to share with your child as well as their reading book. Please continue to share their reading books and practice the sounds and tricky words in the sound bag. We will include a sticker in your child's Home School Book giving a brief outline of the activities that they have explored that week

Please check the Home School Books daily and please use them to communicate with us or email us on.

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We will respond to emails as soon as we can during school hours. If you have any questions or need any support please do not wait until parents evening. We are always here to help.

Thank you

The Foundation Team