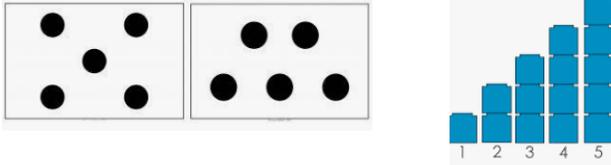


Maths

This half term we will be focusing on subitising, counting, ordinality and composition. We will be subitising within 5 focusing on dot patterns and matching numerals to quantities within 5. We will focus on ordinality and the 'staircase' pattern counting makes, recognising that each number is one more than the previous number. We will also compare sets and use language of comparison like more than, fewer than and equal.



Expressive Arts and Design

We will continue to refine our artistic skills through drawing, painting and junk modelling. We will begin to implement the planning process and discussing our ideas before creating our design.

In music and dance, we will begin to learn how to be reflective about things we have seen and watched, discussing what we enjoyed and what we didn't like.



Ways to help your child

Any bits you can do at home will always benefit your child's development and give them the opportunity to practise skills. Here are some things we are working on this half term:

- Practise letter formation with your child, ensuring they are starting and ending in the right place. This can be done using different materials like rice, shaving foam and paint to make it more fun!
- Read with your child and log it in their yellow reading record- **if they read 3 times in a week, they will earn a raffle ticket!**
- Use CBeebies 'Numberblocks' to support your children with mastering number.
- Practise counting items around the house and getting them to add things to make new numbers.
- Support the children with any home learning ideas they wish to complete. We love listening about their creations and it's a great opportunity for communication and language.
- **This one is really important!** Make sure that every item your child brings to school has their name on. This helps the children become more independent with their own belongings.



Changes

Spring 2

Foundation Team

Mrs Harmon

Mrs Ford

Mrs Cambell

Dates for the diary

Friday 27th February- Break the rules day/
School disco

Monday 2nd March and Wednesday 4th March- Parents evening

Thursday 5th March- World Book Day

Friday 6th March- Inset day

This half term we will be exploring different changes that occur with a focus on seasons, plants and animals.

Phonics – Daily Practice

Following our assessment before half term, the children have been put into 4 groups which are tailored to support their needs. As each of the phonics groups work differently, a separate message will come home in your child's bookbag about what your child needs to practise on a weekly basis.

All of the letter formation sheets have come home now so the phonics booklets can stay at home but please keep practising these. The children will also either have ditty sheets or books to practise. The children will be coming home with words to practise reading and writing in their spelling log book every Friday using the sounds they have been taught in through the week.

Literacy

All of our texts this half term are based around change and will enable us to continue to look at writing for different purposes. This half term we will still be working on letter formation and starting to encourage caption and sentence writing using fred talk and finger spaces. We will use our key texts in our comprehension learning where we discuss new vocabulary, make inferences and predictions, and sequence events. We will also look at some non-fiction books and how they can help us find information.

Physical Development

In our PE sessions this half term, we will be looking at a dance and gymnastics unit. These will help us develop our core muscles and continue to work on coordination.

Within class we will engage in a range of activities to develop our gross and fine motor skills to build strength and ensure we have the right grip for writing. The children will also continue to develop their ability to use scissors appropriately and enhance their cutting skills.



Our PE days are Monday and Wednesday. PE kits will be sent home every Friday. **Please** make sure your child's PE kit is labelled so that the children can continue to become more independent with their own belongings.

Computing

This half term will be focusing on programming. We will learn the importance of following instructions and giving clear instructions to complete a challenge using different software.

Understanding

The World



We will build on our understanding of the world by continuing to look at our community and other communities around the world. This will include special events and any celebrations that take place.

We will continue to observe the weather changes happening around us as we move through the winter months, discussing why we experience these changes and what will happen next. We will also look at identifying different materials and how heating can affect some materials.



PSHE

Our jigsaw piece will continue to support our PSHE learning. Our new theme is called 'healthy me' and encourages us to look after our bodies and recognise things we can do to support a healthy lifestyle.

