

Maths

This half term we will be focusing on counting to 20 and beyond, recognising the pattern of the counting system. We will also be recalling number bonds to 5 and some number bonds to 10 using double facts. We will continue to learn about



odds and even numbers and ways to compare and create numbers to 10.

This learning will take place using a variety of different methods including using number sentences, using

concrete resources to show our learning and presenting their understanding through play. We will also be having a real focus on number formation and being able to write numbers to 10 correctly.

Expressive Arts and Design

This half term we are going to be exploring ways to use different tools and techniques to get a different finish on art and design creations. The children will be given different projects to complete and will be encouraged to try different techniques and explain the process they have used. We will also continue to work with different materials and identify how they can change the colour, texture and design.

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:

- Getting the children to identify special friends (2 letters, one sound) in words and then either Fred talk or Fred in their head to read the word.
- Practise reading and writing red words (you can't Fred a red, you just have to learn them!)
- 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.
- 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.



Far and Away

Summer 1

Foundation Team

Mrs Harmon
Mrs Ford
Mrs Taylor
Miss Morris

Dates for the diary

Thursday 1st May- Parent share at 2:45pm

Thursday 15th May- Class photos

Friday 23rd May- HET non uniform day

This half term we will be exploring outside our own lives and exploring different places in our area, across the world and beyond!

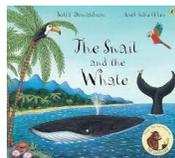
Phonics - Daily Practice

Following our assessment before the Easter holidays, the children have been put into new 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.

The children will either have ditty sheets or books to practise on a weekly basis and the children will be coming home with words to practise reading and writing in their spelling log book every Friday.

Literacy

All of our texts this half term are based around exploring different places and will enable us to continue to look at writing for different purposes. We will continue to work on letter formation and 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 ball skills and games. In this unit children will develop their understanding of playing games and will practise fundamental movement skills. They will also learn how to score and play by the rules, how to work with a partner and begin to understand what a team is, as well as learning how to behave when winning and losing.

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 Wednesday and Thursday. 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.

Understanding

The World



We will continue to build on our understanding of the world through chronology, geography and science. We will be using non-fiction texts to find out more information about things that interest us linked to our texts and find out about the places these texts take us. This will include some learning about whales, Brownsea Island, pirates and space. We will also be observing and reporting on things in our own area and making similarities and differences to other areas in the world.



PSHE

Our new theme is called 'relationships' and gives the children the opportunity to discuss their family and things they enjoy doing with their loved ones. It also covers friendship and how we can be a good friend and care for our friends.

