



Term 4 Newsletter



Phonics and Literacy -

Our key books this term will be 'The Gruffalo' and 'Little Red Riding Hood.' We will also read other Julia Donaldson stories and traditional tales to support our learning. Our focus rhymes will be 'Mary Had a Little Lamb' and 'Hot Cross Buns.' In Phonics, we are encouraging the children to blend confidently including 'Fred in your head.'

To support at home you can:

- Read your child's Phonics book with them regularly and record this in their diaries
- Practice reading and writing playfully together e.g. reading signs, writing labels

Maths -

We continue to focus on numbers within 10. We have done lots of work on addition, and will continue to consolidate this. We have begun exploring subtraction. The children will continue to use different resources such as counters, tens frames and Numicon to help them.

To support at home you can:

- Order numbers 1-10
- Find numbers 'hiding' in other numbers – say the number sentence e.g. '3 plus 2 equals 5'
- Sing number rhymes and songs

Understanding the World

We have exciting things happening this term, including receiving a small but special package of eggs...which will hatch! Mr Papp is going to help us by coming to talk about caring for his chickens.

Expressive Arts and Design

This term, we will explore using different types of tools and paints and talking about the effect on our finished pieces of work. We will also do still life painting and drawing, focusing on flowers to link into our learning about Spring. We will have a go at creating our own 'Sunflowers' painting, like Van Gogh.

PSHE

This term's focus is 'Healthy Me,' focusing on how to keep ourselves healthy and safe. We will cover exercise, food, sleep and being aware of strangers. In Kind Minds, we are focusing on learning how we can help ourselves feel calm.

What do we need to remember?

Time is hard to come by these days, but giving just fifteen minutes of focused time playing and reading with your child(ren) each day can have a big impact on their wellbeing and academic outcomes. Reading stories every night with your child is so beneficial for them. Physical play at home is also really important and helps children to regulate their emotions. Yes, we mean tumbling about and jumping on cushions!

Please bring reading folders into school daily – we are changing some children's Phonics books twice weekly. All folders are needed on **Thursdays** for book changing. We expect children to read their Phonics books at home at least three times a week. Children will continue to bring home a 'reading for pleasure' book each week.