

# Nursery Newsletter

## Middleton Parish Church School

Spring 2 2022

### Phonics

This half term in phonics, we are going to be looking at the rhythm of words and clapping out the syllables found within a word. We will be using our robot arms to sound out words to begin to introduce the children to the skills of blending and segmenting.

### Literacy

We will be using Superheroes to inspire our learning across the curriculum as this was requested by a lot of our children. Our book choices will be reflected in this and if you think of any books we might want to visit in class please be in touch.

Our last topic about Dinosaurs was a great success.

### Reading

#### Story time

At the end of every day, we all participate in a class story time. This is a wonderful end to a busy day and provides a calm transition from school to home. Story time is an important aspect of our reading curriculum and is a vital aspect of developing young children's language skills.

#### Reading Books

Children will be sent home a book each week. This usually takes place on a Monday and we encourage you to share the book with your child so they become familiar with the story. The idea is to enjoy the book together pointing out the main parts and pictures as you read. Allow your child to handle the book and turn the pages, and track the words with your finger for a few pages to show the directionality of the text. You can ask children what might happen next and follow any interests that come from reading the book.

Children will have the choice on a Monday to change their book with others we have in class. They can always keep the same book for more than one week if they are enjoying it. We recognise that sharing books is key to new development and learning so encourage adults to take time and read together with their children.

### Class Clinics

This half term, there will be two opportunities to ask questions or discuss any concerns you may have. The class clinics will take place on 16<sup>th</sup> March and 13<sup>th</sup> April. Zoom links will be posted on the class dojo page a few days prior to each of these dates.

### Outdoors

Every Thursday we have Forest School and have many adventures outside.

Please ensure children have spare clothes. We store spare clothes on their pegs and it helps especially on wet days.

### Heartsmart

Our Heart Smart topic is 'Don't rub it in.' In this topic we are thinking about how we can be good friends and the importance of including everyone.



### Understanding the World

Spring is here.

This half term we will be learning all about how things grow. We will be planting seeds and observing their growth. If you have any bulbs or seeds we can plant or any green fingered relatives please be in touch. We have our own EYFS bedding box and we are looking forward to growing our own flowers and maybe some vegetables too. Watch this space.



### Outdoor Shoes

To ensure all children can engage fully in our outdoor provision, we ask that each child has a pair of wellies that are left in school. These will be used for daily outdoor access and during Forest School sessions. Ideally, we ask that both wellies are clearly marked with your child's name.



### Contacting Us

If you need to talk to Mr Lloyd and Mrs Dixon please do not hesitate to send us an email.

Our class email address is

[nursery@middletonparishce.rochdale.sch.uk](mailto:nursery@middletonparishce.rochdale.sch.uk)

As we teach full time, it may take up to 5 days for us to reply. If you need to pass on a message in an emergency, please contact the school office.

If you need to update contact details, allergy/medical information etc you can email the school office.

The school office email is

[office@middletonparishce.rochdale.sch.uk](mailto:office@middletonparishce.rochdale.sch.uk)

Sometimes families need a little extra support with things such as housing, employment, emotional well-being and parenting. Our Engagement and Inclusion team are here to help, including signposting families to services outside of school. Should you need it the team's email is

[Eandl@middletonparishce.rochdale.sch.uk](mailto:Eandl@middletonparishce.rochdale.sch.uk)

### Religious Education

In R.E. we are looking at stories Jesus told and Easter. We will continue to explore parables and begin to learn the Easter story.



### Maths

In maths this term we are looking at capacity and size. We will be emptying and filling lots of different containers and pots using water and sand. We will be asking whether something is full or empty and using terms such as bigger and smaller, taller and shorter. You can join in at home as there are so many possibilities to explore at home, outside or in the garden.

Continue to show your children numbers that they find around them when you are out and about so they become confident in recognising numbers to 10.