

Foundation Stage Spring Term 2 2018

Welcome back! We hope you have all had a fantastic half term. Hopefully you have heard lots about the '**Celebrations and Festivals**' topic we did last half term. In March, we will begin our new topic of '**Growing**'.

During the day your child will continue to enjoy participating in a mixture of teacher led and child led activities. The daily routine will stay the same. At the start of each day your child will spend time with their class teacher, before going to enjoy 'Explore and Investigate' time. During this session children are able to explore all areas of the Foundation Unit and are able to lead their own learning.



In Communication, Language and Literacy we will enjoy listening to stories themed around our topics. These will include 'Jack and the Beanstalk', 'Supertato' and poetry. We will be doing lots of activities based on the stories, such as creating story maps and ordering pictures. We will continue our handwriting practise; concentrating on using the correct letter formation and focusing on the correct place to start and finish each letter. We will provide daily opportunities for the children to engage in writing independently, and writing aided by an adult.



We will do lots of different activities based around our topics.

Our activities for this half term include: learning about our local area, planting and growing, using computers to research living things. In RE we will be learning about Sikhism, in music we will be looking at rhythm and simple notation, and in PE we will be doing gymnastics.



In Maths, we will be concentrating on subtraction, weight, time and 3D shapes. We will focus on using appropriate Mathematical language, different ways of recording our working out and how to explain our reasoning.

Muddy Explorers

In Muddy Explorers, the children have the opportunity to take part in various learning activities outside. This could be exploring wildlife, making mud pies and potions or focusing on the differences between the seasons.

Please ensure your child brings named wellies and a waterproof

coat into school on the following days:



Rainbow Room - Tuesday

Yellow Room - Thursday

If the weather looks warm and dry you do not need to bring the kit for that day. However, we will go outside regardless of the weather!

Phonics



In Phonics we will be beginning phase 3 where the children will learn how to read and write a new phoneme every couple of days. We will practise segmenting to spell and blending sounds to read.

If you have any spare time during the school day we always appreciate parents and grandparents coming in to help in class and on school visits. When helping in class you may be asked to listen to readers, stick in work or do a variety of other tasks. Please let your child's teacher know if you are able to help, either on a weekly basis, a one off, or each half term.

PE

PE takes place every Friday for both Rainbow Room and Yellow Room.

Please ensure your child has a named PE kit in school for these lessons. PE kits will be kept in school until the end of the half term. At home you can help your child by encouraging them to get dressed and undressed independently.



Ball skills

Both Rainbow Room and Yellow Room will have Ball Skills on a Wednesday morning.

Children will need to bring in their named outdoor ball skills kit each week. The kit needs to include trainers and a sunhat for warmer days or a jumper for cooler days. They will bring this kit home at the end of the day each week.

Reading books

Your child will continue to bring home reading books. Children in F2 receive their books three times a week. Please write a simple comment in your child's reading diary each time you listen to your child read. We only change books once they have been read at home, so it is important to write a comment in the reading diary. Every child in F2 will read to a member of the Foundation Stage team each week. This may be individually or in a small guided reading group. Please send your child's reading diary into school every day so that they can read in school.

We encourage you to talk about the pictures and the characters, retell the story and enjoy the book together. Your child will steadily gain more confidence with recognising and sounding out letters, segmenting and blending words and gradually become more fluent in their reading ability as they progress and become secure with Phase 2 phonics. Please try to get in to the habit of reading daily with your child for a few minutes; this really will help them progress.



-Please ensure that book bags and reading books are brought into school every day.

-Please bring a named water bottle into school on a Monday.

-Water bottles will be sent home every Friday to be washed and returned on Monday.

-Please ensure that all of your child's uniform and belongings are labelled clearly.

Thank you, The Foundation Stage Team.



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