

Literacy

In phonics this term the children will continue to focus on the sounds in phase 3 learning many digraphs and trigraphs. The programme Phonics Bug will be used to deliver the sessions, which is a fun interactive programme. We will also have a daily 'dough disco' to improve our fine motor control and pencil grip and weekly take part in 'Squiggle me into a cursive writer' activities looking at both our gross and fine motor skills as well as letter formation in a cursive style, using different media. Each session is delivered to music which supports the formation of the letters being taught.

In addition to this the children will be focusing on stories related to Chinese New Year and then growth including Dear Zoo and Croc and Bird

PE

On Monday's children take part in a variety of sports activities and will therefore need to wear their school tracksuit for the whole day on Monday's. They will also make a healthy snack. A contribution of 50p per week can be paid via parentpay. Following current sports guidelines earrings must be removed for children to take part in PE lessons.

Can parents please ensure that their child has a pair of wellies and waterproof clothing in school each day so that we can access the outdoor classroom in all weathers. In the winter weather they will also need a hat and gloves (not mittens) and may need a base layer.

Reception - Spring Term Growth

Topic

This term we will be learning about the celebration of Chinese New Year and then focusing on growth. During this time from January to Easter we will look at growth of Zoo animals before focusing on humans and plants.

Any experiences or achievements at home can be shared on tapestry.

Special Days

Monday - Motivate Monday (Sports kit)
- Reading Books

Wednesday - Reading books

Thursday - Hand in Learning logs

Friday - Forest School
(Outdoor kit of black polo shirt and outdoor trousers)
- Reading books
- Golden Time

((Children can bring in a toy from home))

Toys are not to be brought in any other day

Mathematics

In Maths this term the children will be focusing on introducing zero, number bonds to 5, counting to 6,7,8,9,10, comparing groups up to 10, combining two groups to find the whole, number bonds to 10 using part, part, whole and ten frame. Special awareness, 2D Shape and 3D shape.

There are many practical ways at home that you can support Maths such as looking for numerals in the environment, discussing the differing sizes of everyday objects or singing counting songs, looking at prices in the supermarket, naming shapes in the environment or using household objects to make number bonds to 10.

Homework

Reading- The children will bring home a variety of books to match the phonics they have been taught in that week or previous weeks. Reading diaries are checked and books are changed on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday if they have read the book at home. If you require the book to be changed on a different day please let us know. Books and games will also be allocated on their Active Learn Account. The children will soon bring home a weekly homework challenge in their learning log. This will be linked to the topic work and will be a variety of tasks covering all areas of learning. This will be set on a Friday to be returned the following Thursday. Reading and reading well is an important part of your child's development. Please try to support this by reading at home at least 3 times a week.