

Foundation Stage 2 Newsletter Spring Term 1 2022

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

This half term we will be encouraging the children to plan and have a clear idea about what they want to do in their play. For example, if they are going to create something we will be asking the children to think about what resources they will need. We will also be continuing to develop self-confidence and awareness.

Physical Development

Children will continue to develop both their fine and gross motor skills using the inside and outside learning environments. We will be doing lots of activities to improve the children's scissor skills and be teaching them to use a paintbrush with good control. Our letter formation activities will also continue. To develop gross motor skills, the children will be learning to confidently move in a variety of ways, including changing direction and negotiating space.

Communication and Language

We will continue to develop our speaking and listening skills in our daily circle times as well as encouraging the children to take part in two-way conversations with a partner.

We will be continuing to follow the children's interests. The children will take the lead and their thoughts and ideas will be used to shape the learning opportunities and experiences.

Literacy

This half term we will start our literacy lessons where the children will be learning all about space. We will focus on two stories and begin by immersing ourselves in the topic before learning certain skills and then finally planning and writing descriptive captions.

Maths

This half term we will be concentrating on the numbers 6, 7 and 8, the days of the week and the months of the year. The children will do lots of practical activities and games to find different ways of making these numbers and learn songs to help them remember the days of the week and the months of the year.

Understanding of the World

The children will continue to have plenty of hands on practical opportunities to investigate and explore the natural world including changing seasons and investigating water and ice. We are also going to learn to use the internet to research space!

Expressive Arts & Design

Children will continue to have the opportunity to use their imaginations, sing songs, dance and create beautiful masterpieces. As our theme is space we are going to be making space rockets and spaceships and also designing our own aliens!

Autumn 2 home learning Ideas

1. Make a space rocket from recyclable materials at home.
2. Draw or paint an alien.
3. Do you have a favourite space story at home? Could you bring it in and share it with your friends?
4. When it gets dark can you look up to the sky and see any stars?
5. Make a model of something that interests you and bring it in for a show and tell with the class.

A Note To Families

In reception we really value the learning possibilities from learning outdoors and even though the weather is getting a little colder and damper we will still aim to be out every day. With this in mind please ensure your child has a suitable warm, waterproof coat in school each day and if possible a pair of named wellies.

If you have any queries or questions at all, please feel free to let us know at drop off or pick up and we can arrange a time to discuss this.

Working together we can provide your children with the best possible learning opportunities.

Thank you for your continued support,
The Foundation Stage 2 Team.

