

Foundation Stage 1

Newsletter

Spring 1 Term 2023

Communication and Language

We are beginning to use a floor book with our children, each week we will put in pictures of the children and what they have been learning. In small groups we discuss with the children what they were doing in the pictures, or what they can see. We also put in pictures of the story we have been learning so that children can retell parts of the story. This gives all children a chance to have their voice heard and share their ideas and opinions.

Physical Development

Our children have started to take part in write, dance and squiggle while we wiggle sessions in addition to dough disco. These sessions are aimed at helping the children to improve their gross and fine motor skills in a fun way which will support them in becoming confident writers. This half term we will send home the songs and instructions that we have learned so that you can also take part in these fun activities with your child at home.

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

We will be sending out a 'Focus child' sheet for you to complete. This is to support us in knowing as much as possible about your child so that we can plan experiences for them as unique individuals. Your support with this would be much appreciated and will help your child to feel happy and secure and learn to the best of their ability. There is an email address above where you can email pictures and information about what you and your child have been doing together as a family.

Literacy

This half term we will be reading books that are about superheroes - both fantasy and real life... the stories that we will read are: Superworm, Supertato, and Real Superheroes. The children will learn key words from these stories which we will send home. They will also learn to act out the story from beginning to end, please ask your child to show you how they can act this out. We will be encouraging the children to borrow books from our Nursery library shelf, please return these when you have read them with your child.

Understanding of the World

We will be learning about the changing seasons as we explore outdoors when it is frosty and icy and also notice changes as the weather warms up to Spring. As part of our focus is real life superheroes, we will learn about different people that help us such as Vets, Doctors, Firefighters.

Expressive Arts & Design

We will be working on some whole class projects relating to superheroes. What we make will depend on what the children choose to make as we follow their interests and ideas. If the children chose to make something individually, then we will support them in producing their ideas. We are learning some nursery rhymes with a superhero related theme - please watch out for the sheets coming home so that your child can sing to you!

Maths

We will continue to practice counting and number recognition every day as we do our register. We will be singing lots of different number rhymes, a favourite of the children at the moment is '5 little monkeys'. We will begin to look closely this half term at patterns, what is a pattern, how we can make a simple repeating pattern and how to spot errors in the pattern.

Please send any photos of your child that you would like to share with us to the email address below. This could be pictures of family celebrations, days out, achievements such as swimming, dancing, riding a bike or anything else that you would like to share with us.

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Spring Home Learning Ideas

Our learning this half term is based around superheroes, real life superheroes and each child's 'super power' - what they are good at.

We will send home some superhero themed Nursery rhymes so that you can help your child to sing these songs at home too.

With each story that we learn in school, we will teach the children key vocabulary from the story. We will send home key words each time we learn a new story so that you can also support your children at home in understanding the meaning of these words.



If you have any queries or questions at all, please do not hesitate to ask or call school on 01302 349275.
Thank you for your continued support, The Foundation Stage 1 Team.

