



Foundation Stage 2 Newsletter

Spring Term 2 2023

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

We will be focussing on planning our activities and showing resilience by continuing even when challenges arise. We will also focus on reflecting on our own learning and activities, can we make any improvements?

Physical Development

Children will be focussing on scissor skills and pencil control, especially accurate letter formation as well as developing their gross motor skills in PE. Our weekly P.E. lessons will be on a Wednesday. Please send named P.E. kit in a bag on P.E days. Children will need plain black shorts/jogging bottoms, a plain white T-shirt and plimsolls or trainers.

Communication and Language

We will be focussing on articulating their thoughts, opinions and ideas in well-formed sentences with a particular focus on tenses.

Understanding of the World

We will be discussing our own homes and who lives with us, comparing our houses with others thinking about similarities and differences, with different types of houses around the world as well as thinking about the properties of materials and which materials are best for building a home.

Expressive Arts & Design

We will have a focus on planning what we are going to create before starting and evaluating it when it is finished.

After discussing with the children what they would like to learn about next, we have decided our Spring 2 project is going to ***House, Homes and Other Buildings.***

Listed below are some of the vocabulary we will be using in school and it would be great if you could support this by using the same words at home or asking children what some of the words mean later in the term.

Vocabulary

house, home, abode
bathroom, bedroom, living room, lounge, kitchen, garden, dining room, hallway
bungalow, caravan, castle, cottage, detached house, semi-detached house, terraced house, flats
chimney, door, garage, gate, stairs, roof, window
bricks, tiles, materials, properties, waterproof
hut, tribe, igloo, treehouse, adobe
build, construct, purpose, plan, map

Just a quick reminder that books will be taken in and changed overnight Monday with a new one sent home on a Tuesday and that books will only be changed when there has been a comment in the reading diary that the book has been read. 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 these. Thank you for your continued support, The Foundation Stage 2 Team.

Literacy

We will continue to learn new sounds in phonics and apply these to read and write simple words and sentences. In literacy we will be researching about different houses and writing captions and short sentences about them and reading the story 'If I built a House', thinking about the structure of the story and writing sentences relating to the story thinking about phonics, letter formation, finger spaces and full stops.

Maths

This half term we will be concentrating on combining two groups to find how many altogether, thinking about the composition and ways to represent 9 and 10, learning to recall our number bonds to 10, exploring and manipulating 3D shapes and investigating length and height.

Spring 1 home learning Ideas

1. Use the internet or non-fiction books to find facts about different types of houses.
2. Draw your own house.
3. Take a picture of your house to share with the class.
4. Go for a walk in your area, what other buildings can you see?

