

Foundation Stage 1

Newsletter

Summer 2 Term 2023

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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Communication and Language

We are continuing to use a floor book with our children, each week we add photos of the children and what they have been learning. In small groups the children are becoming really confident to share their thoughts and ideas about what they can see and what they have learned. This half term we are learning 'Lifecycle: from Egg to Chicken' and other animal stories.

Physical Development

Our Sports day was a fantastic success and each and every child made us extremely proud of how hard they tried when things were tricky and not easy for them. We are focusing this half term on ensuring that every child is as independent in self-care as they possibly can be - hats, coats, shoes, toileting and handwashing. We are also keen to ensure every child has the best pen grip that they can before they move on from us. We are proud of the progress that every child has made in this over the year. particularly enjoying digging with the long-handled spades. These activities will support gross motor development which in turn will support the children to have good pencil grip and control.

Expressive Arts & Design

We are continuing to focus on supporting the children to take their time and pay close attention to detail when they draw, paint and write and the supporting them to review their work and see if or how they could make it even better. We will be working on some whole class projects for our Summer Fair and our animal topic.

Maths

We will continue to practice counting, number recognition and forming numbers every day as we do our register. We will be focusing this half term on patterns, recognising errors in patterns and subitising. Many children are able to subitise small numbers such as 1, 2 and 3, so we will be looking at different ways of making 4 and 5 so that children can instantly recognise when there are four or five objects rather than having to count them.

Literacy

This half term we will be reading lots of books around animals and lifecycles. The children have shown an interest in lots of animals and even in different kinds of animal poo! We will read our focused stories in addition to animal books that the children are interested in. They have asked so many interesting questions and so our reading will focus around answering the children's questions.

Understanding of the World

Our children will be learning about their own life cycle as part of our topic this half term. We will also learn about habitats, diets, environments, different countries as we explore our topic this half term.

Summer Home Learning Ideas

Our learning this half term is based around life-cycles and animals.

We have learned the numbers 1-5 at Nursery, so the children can practice at home too, we have sent home number formations sheets that have a rhyme attached to help them to learn how to write each number,

We are beginning to learn sounds during phonics - you could help your child to hear sounds in words by segmenting short words for them and play a guessing game. e.g. guess my animal, it lives on a farm, it's a p-i-g, what animal is it? You can play these games anywhere!



If you have any queries or questions at all, please do not hesitate to ask or call school on 01302 349275.
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