

# Foundation Stage 1

## Newsletter

### Spring 1 Term 2024

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.

[foundation1parents@astrea-kingfisher.org](mailto:foundation1parents@astrea-kingfisher.org)

#### Communication and Language

We are using a floor book every day with the children. We put in pictures and photographs of what the children are learning about. 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. Please ask to look at this the next time you visit us in Nursery.

#### 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 be beginning our Forest School sessions, we will explore our outdoor area and some children may choose to climb the trees and we will begin to use tools. These activities will support the children in their development of both fine and gross motor skills.

#### 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 send/email pictures and information about what you and your child have been doing together as a family.

#### Expressive Arts & Design

We will be working on some whole class projects relating to traditional tales. Firstly, we will look at making houses as we learn about the three little pigs. The children may also have their own ideas about what they would like to make and we will support them in producing their ideas. We are learning lots of new songs, please support your children in memorising these songs.

#### Maths

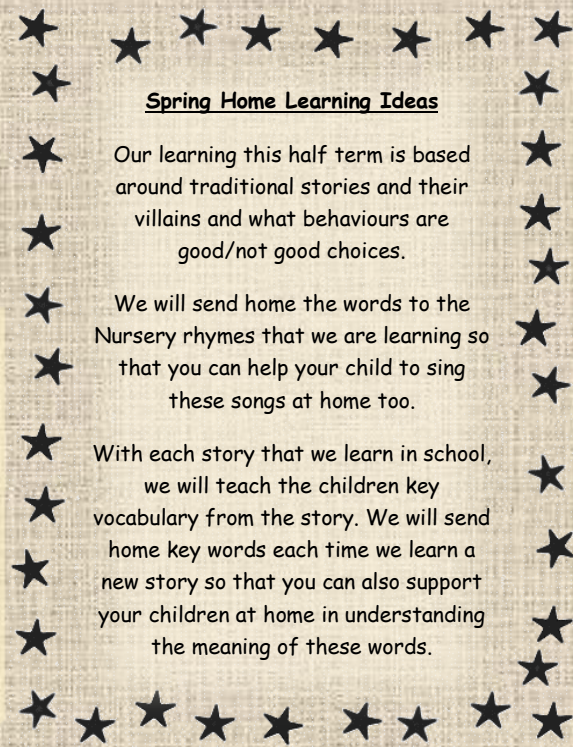
We will continue to practise number recognition every day as we do our register and we will also be singing lots of different number rhymes. We are still concentrating on subitising - be able to see the quantity of items without counting - Please ask you children "what can you see?" We will be looking at patterns, what is a pattern, how we can make a simple repeating pattern and how to spot errors in the pattern.

#### Literacy

This half term we will be reading traditional tales, beginning with the '3 little pigs' and then moving onto 'the gingerbread man'. 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.

#### 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 in Spring.



#### Spring Home Learning Ideas

Our learning this half term is based around traditional stories and their villains and what behaviours are good/not good choices.

We will send home the words to the Nursery rhymes that we are learning 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.

