

News from the Early Years Team

Dear Parents,

February 2022

We hope you have all had a lovely half term break. We are looking forward to another exciting term.

Supertato

This term the children have chosen to learn about Superheroes! This will be our focus for the first half of the term.

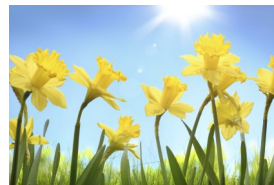
We will begin our topic by looking at real-life superheroes such as doctors, nurses, police officers, fire fighters, vets, dentists, carers, etc. We will watch videos about what they do and read non-fiction books to give us more information.

We will then move onto sharing lots of Supertato books! We will make our own characters using real vegetables and the children are going to be extremely excited about saving the veggies from the Evil Pea! This will lead to lots of enthusiastic team work and fantastic writing I am sure.



Spring and Chicks!

During the second half of the term the Foundation Stage children will be having a very special delivery from the Happy Chick Company. We will learn about the life cycle of a hen by closely observing what happens to the eggs when the chicks are ready to hatch. We will watch the chicks grow and change and learn about what a chick needs to be able to have a happy, healthy life. The children will make observational drawings and create painting of the chicks as part of their creative activities as well as keeping a simple diary of what happened on each day. We will learn more about them from non-fiction books.



We will also focus on Spring and look for signs of Spring around our school grounds.



We will study the artist Henri Matisse and use his cut-out art as inspiration for creating our own compositions.

Hopefully you have all been able to access the Reading Workshop 2 which explained the next steps in your child's reading journey (link to the short video on Tapestry). This term the children will learn all of Set 2 sounds. These are all two or three letter sounds that are 'special friends'. On average I will introduce two a week and we will practise reading and spelling words containing those sounds. There are twelve sounds in this set in total. Each week will send a sheet home with the sounds we have learned for the children to share with you at home.

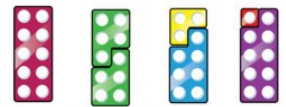
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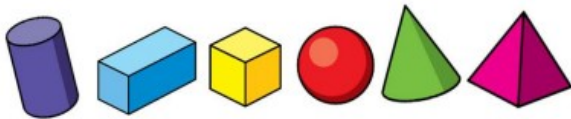
Maths

This term is all about 9 and 10. The children will continue to count forwards and backwards, subitise (recognise a small amount without counting) and count accurately. We will explore the composition of each number– looking at how each number can be made up of smaller groups. We will compare each number, thinking about more and fewer.

We will use a variety of resources to explore and learn number bonds to ten.



Later in the term the children will learn to name, sort and describe 3D shapes and learn more about making patterns.



Role-play Area

This term the children will continue to access the home corner and have chosen to have a role-play Post-Office, which will provide lots of opportunities for writing.

If you have anything at home (or work!) that you could donate for these areas, or know of someone else who can, it would be greatly appreciated.

Important Dates:

Rearranged parents evening dates: **Tuesday 1st and Thursday 3rd March**. The times will be the same as the ones you previously chose. Please don't forget to log on at the appropriate time or let me know if you need to rearrange. Thank you.

We are all excited about celebrating **World Book day** together on **Thursday 3rd March**. The children can't wait to see each other in their costumes!



March 14th Science week

March 21st Eggs arrive!

Thank you again for all of your support.

Please do not hesitate to come and see us with any queries or concerns, no matter how small you may think they are.



Ms Bytheway and Mrs Hudson