Early Years Newsletter Autumn Term 2 - 2020

November 2020

The Early Years team are...

Class Teachers:
Miss Hing & Miss Sharp

Class Assistants:
Mrs Abbott
Mrs Herridge

Sports Coach:
Mr Deverall

A Warm Welcome

Welcome back! We hope you have had a relaxing half term break and are ready for another busy term!

Firstly, I would like the thank you all for helping to made the first term go as smoothly as it did. The children have settled well and are already making great progress with their learning.

We hope the children are as excited as we are about this term ahead.

Notices



Space Dress Up Day...

Friday 27th November we are having a Alien themed dress up day to compliment our topic 'Destination Outer Space'. Children are invited to come into school dressed as an Alien for the day. Please do not feel that you need to purchase any special costumes for the event and green clothing accessorised with a headband with eyes on.

Name Belongings

Please name all of your child's belongings so that we can reunited children with mislaid items. Sadly, we have a number of unnamed lost property items already.

Home Learning Checklist

- ☐ Daily, Read at home
- ☐ Termly, Home learning grid
- ☐ Remember to bring plastic wallet, reading books and reading record into school everyday. We will continue to change the reading books on a Monday.

Home Learning Grid ...

This term we launch our first home learning grid. You will find it inside your child's reading record book. It contains a selection of activities linked to the different areas of the curriculum. You are able to select the activities you wish to completed and sign them off on the grid once complete. Home learning activities form our show and tell and we encourage the children to discuss using uploaded photos and videos to Tapestry for us to view on our projector board.

Our Achievement board....

This term we are introducing our Classroom Achievement board. We would like to see pictures of the children achieving at home on Tapestry. For example they could have learnt to ride their bike or dressed themselves independently.

STARS OF THE WEEK AND HALF TERMLY ACHIEVER

Each Friday afternoon we celebrate our FSU stars of the week.
Congratulations to last term's stars:

Aidan
Isla
Izzy
Kush
Neveah
Siya

Well done to our Half Termly Achievers for Term 1:
Frankie

Key Dates To Remember This Term

Nursery parents - Apply for a school place	**From 11th November until 15th January 2021**
Anti-Bullying Week	w/c 16/11/2020
Alien Dress Up Day	27/11/2020
Nasal Flu Vaccinations	3/12/2020
Last Day of Term 2pm	18/12/2020
Term 3	
Inset Day	4/1/2021
First Day of Term	5/1/2021



Here is an overview of what we will cover in the curriculum this term.

This term we will blast off in our homemade spaceship to learn about space. We will be exploring key texts such as Jill Murphy's 'Whatever next', Claire Freedman's 'Aliens love underpants', Oliver Jeffers 'How to catch a star' and Mini Grey's 'Toys in space'. We will also study the Nativity story and may write letters to Father Christmas based on the story 'the Jolly Christmas Postman'.

Literacy



The children will listen to a selection of fiction and non fiction books, including some of their favourite tales. Reception children will be introduced to phonics. They will continue to learn letter sounds and the jolly phonics rhymes to match. While nursery children will practice developing their skills of listening and identifying sounds, and exploring rhymes.

Mathematics



In math's we will be counting, matching and recognising numbers to ten, and some may go beyond. The children will learn number songs and rhymes to sing in school and at home. The children will also look a different shapes and begin to use positional language to describe where objects are placed. Some children will learn how to record maths using marks they can identify and explain.

Expressive Arts and Design



The children will begin to explore a variety of construction materials and begin to use tools for a purpose. They will be encouraged to help build our class spaceship, and later in the term they will build an invention to catch a star. We will explore how different media can be combined to create new effects and how colours can be mixed to make new colours, and create firework pictures.

Physical Development



In PE children will be developing their fundamental movement skills through games and activities delivered by our sports coach Mr Deverall. The children will begin to use one handed tools and equipment in class activities. They will begin to write using a variety of media and form letters and some will write their name.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development



This term we hold 'Anti Bullying Week'. We use this to explore differences between us and why being different is good.

The children will continue to learn our school rules and routines. We work together to ensure that everyone has contributed to our class charter and to ensure that all children are reminded to follow the agreed rules. The children are supported to develop friendships and form positive relationships with the adults.

Religious Education



This term we ask "Why is the word 'God' so important to Christians?"

We will continue to learn about how we can care for our wonderful world and then we will find out about the Nativity Story and the birth of Baby Jesus.

We will learn about why we observe a moment of silent on armistice day and the significance of the poppy.

Understanding the World

This period is full of seasonal festivities and we very much like to find out about how these are celebrated in different families. The children will be encouraged to share their ideas and experiences reflecting on past and present events in their own lives. We will be identifying and experiencing seasonal changes in the world around us. Outdoor play is an essential part of the Foundation day. Please remember that in order for your child to take part in all activities safely they should wear sensible school shoes and have wellington boots for outdoor play.



Technology



Children will learn how to use applications on ipads to play phonics games. The children will have access to items from our technology trolley. For example they can use the Beebots.