





Foundation Stage 2 Newsletter: Autumn 2

Dear Parent/Carer,

We hope you've had a relaxing and enjoyable half term break! It has been lovely to see the children settling back into the swing of things this week and they are now eager to start our new and exciting theme for this half term 'I wonder what's out of this world'.

Maths

We will be continuing to follow the Mastery in Number approach to allow children to build a deep, flexible, and fluent understanding of numbers rather than just memorizing procedures or relying on slow counting. We will be continuing to focus on counting skills, looking at comparison of sets, exploring the concept of 'whole' and 'part' looking at composition of numbers and matching numerals within 10, whilst also supporting children with verbal counting beyond 20.

Literacy

We will be reading a range of books to support our theme 'I wonder what's out of this world'. We will continue to develop the children's handwriting skills, focusing on pre-writing shapes and building strength and co-ordination. If ready, children will be writing initial sounds using the sounds learnt. Lots of time will be spent supporting the children's oral blending. In phonics this half term the children will be learning 9 new sounds: ck, u, r, h, b, f, ff, l, ll, ss

Exploring Art and Design

The children will create artwork based on their interests and fascinations. They will construct using a range of materials and techniques. We will work together to create 3D models linked to our theme around space. We will also complete a range of Winter/Christmas crafts.

I wonder … What's out of this world

Communication and Language

We will be continuing to develop the ability to listen during carpet time sessions. The children will be learning to answer questions about a story and begin to look at vocabulary within a story and make simple predictions based on what they have read/seen in the pictures.

Physical Development

The children will be practising their throwing and catching skills, as well as perfecting their travelling techniques by changing speed and direction. We will explore the different ways of balancing and continue to build our fine motor skills through our inside and outside provision activities.

Understanding the World

We will understand more about where we live as we focus on planet earth and compare the earth and the moon. We will talk about all of the different planets and learn about famous astronauts/scientists. We will also look at the different seasons and the changes we see throughout the year.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will continue to use the Zones of Regulation in the classroom and talk about self-help techniques. The children will develop their vocabulary around emotions and begin to use our classroom displays to help them identify how they are feeling.

Our Place in Our World

We will develop our knowledge of the wider world by talking about Christmas around the world. We will talk about traditions and celebrations.

Aspiring Entrepreneurs

We will continue to reflect on our work to ensure that we are able to improve it and see how we can make it even better.

Healthy and Happy Living

We will continue to share our ideas in a range of different and imaginative ways. Allowing children to have a voice within their learning.

Inquisitive Investigators

We will encourage children to predict and summarise key events in a story. Enabling children to develop key vocabulary linked to different stories.

Important information & dates to remember:

- Please make sure you have access to Class Dojo and check this regularly for updates.
- Please remember to hand in your book bag every Monday so that the teachers can send home your child's next book on Tuesday. We would really appreciate if you could log your child's reading every week on Boom Reader.
- Christmas craft mornings and the Christmas productions in Reception will be sent out in a separate letter and will be held on two different dates. Please see the separate letter for more information.
- A phonics meeting for parents will be held in January. A date for this will be sent out in a separate letter later in the term.
- Children break up for this term on Friday 18th December.

Thank you for your continued support,
Miss Hutchinson, Mrs Sleet, Miss Wilson and Miss Dervisevic.