



Foundation Stage 2 Newsletter: Spring 1



Dear Parent/Carer,

We hope you've had a lovely Christmas break. The children have settled straight back into the swing of things and are following school routines well. Our new and exciting theme for this half term is 'I wonder...what moves.'

Maths

We will continue to use White Rose Mastery maths to develop learning. There will be a focus around the numbers 5,6,7 and 8. Children will be taught about number bonds e.g. 3+2=5, children are expected to know all of the numbers bonds to 5 by the time they leave Reception. We will have 'Friday Formation' sessions which will teach the children how to write each number correctly. Please help your child to practise recognising numbers, counting and talking about one more and one less.

Literacy

We will be reading a range of books to support our theme 'I wonder what moves'. We will share some non-fiction books and learn the difference between fact and fiction. This will help us with our non-fiction writing. We will also learn how to follow and write instructions. **Phonic sounds:** j, v, w, x, y, z, zz, qu, ch. Please help your children learn how to recognise and write these sounds.

Expressive Art and Design

The children will continue to create art work linked to their interests. Different materials and resources will be available and different activities set up each week to encourage them to try new things. We will also be taking part in some music sessions too.

I wonder ... what moves.

Communication and Language

We have started a new Poetry session which will expose your child to many different poems. This will encourage children to listen, rehearse and perform which will enhance their communication skills. Look out for lovely videos of these on Tapestry.

Physical Development

We will be starting PE, children will need to wear a PE kit on our PE day, which will be a Monday. We will follow REAL PE to give our children the opportunity to learn a range of new skills. We will be doing PE in the hall which will be an exciting change for most of the children.

Understanding the World

This half term's topic will lead us to learn about people, animals and transport. We will spend a lot of the time looking at the past and how transport has changed over time. We will continue to look out for seasonal changes and will celebrate events such as Chinese New Year.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Zones of Regulation have now been introduced and we will encourage the children to talk about how they are feeling and why. We use the four characters from Inside Out to help the children understand the way they are feeling.

Our Place in Our World.

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

Aspiring Entrepreneurs

We will continue to reflect on our work to ensure that we are able to improve it and see how we 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 with 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:

- Children break up for this term on Friday 18th February 2022
- PE will start on **Monday 17th January**. Your child must come into school wearing their PE kit. This should be a plain white t-shirt, dark coloured jumper if necessary, plain black shorts or dark coloured tracksuit/jogging bottoms and trainers.
- Wheeled Toy Day is on **Monday 31st January**. More information to follow
- Please make sure you have access to Tapestry and check this regularly.
- Please send us all the lovely things your child has been doing via Tapestry.
- If you have any concerns, then please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher.

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