



Foundation Stage 2 Newsletter: Summer 1

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back, we hope you've had a lovely break! We are hoping for lots of sun so we can enjoy our new outdoor area. We would like to give you a brief outline of the work your child will be covering this half term. Our new and exciting topic for the next six weeks is 'I wonder where they call home'. We will be learning about animals and their habitats and exploring similarities and differences between contrasting environments. We will use maps to help us develop an understanding of the wider world.

Maths

We will continue to use White Rose Mastery maths to develop learning. We will consolidate our learning around different number bonds to make 5 and 10. We will talk about numbers beyond 20 and learn how different amounts together make a bigger number. During the Summer term we will be developing our awareness of odd and even numbers and learning how to share amounts equally. It is important all children continue to practise their one to one counting skills, recognising numbers to 20 and become confident talking about what they have learned.

Literacy

This half term we will be writing a lot of non-fiction. Our writing will be based on our learning about different animals and their habitats. We will talk about facts and record these through lists, labels, captions and sentences. It is time for the children to develop their independence, if they are ready, in their mark making and writing. **Phonic sounds: Level 3 ar, or, ur, ow, oi, ear, air and er.**

Please help your children learn how to recognise and write these sounds.

Expressive Art and Design

The children will consolidate learning of pattern as they learn about different animals. They will construct and conserve habitats in our new Eco Hub to care for the local wildlife. We will also be learning about the artist Andy Goldsworth.

I wonder ... where they call home.

Communication and Language

The children will continue their daily poetry sessions and share with you the weekly poetry performances. We will be answering questions about stories and continue to develop our vocabulary through sharing high quality texts.

Physical Development

We will continue to follow our REAL PE scheme to give our children the opportunity to learn a range of new skills. The REAL PE cog we will be developing is the 'social' cog where we will learn new landing and static balance skills. FSSS will be taught by a Leeds United coach on a Tuesday.

Understanding the World

We will be learning how the world and its environment has changed over the years and why. We will talk about what we observe and the things we can see changing. Each class will have a selection of caterpillars to care for, in the hope they turn in to butterflies.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Our new outdoor area is going to promote a new level of problem solving. It will encourage us to work together to create dens, navigate a challenging trim trail whilst being resilient if we aren't always successful. It will also allow us to spend more time with friends from other classes.

Our Place in Our World.

We will promote individual liberty by providing children with opportunities to take risks during planned activities and provision.

Aspiring Entrepreneurs

As aspiring entrepreneurs, we will begin to challenge ourselves to use different learning styles. We will apply different skills to complete a given challenge.

Healthy and Happy Living

We will explore our new outside learning environment and continue to keep ourselves fit and healthy throughout the school day.

Inquisitive Investigators

We will encourage children to observe and question the world around them. They will be encouraged to investigate different ways to be successful.

Important information & dates to remember:

- PE in FSLH and FSCC will continue every **Monday**. 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.
- PE in FSSS will be on a **Tuesday** this half term due to this being run by an outside sports coach.
- ZooLab will be visiting on Tuesday 3rd May. Please read letter sent the final week of term.
- Bank Holiday: Monday 2nd May
- 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.