

Curriculum update

1/4/21

We've reached the end of the Spring Term!

We have had lots of fun exploring our theme this term 'To the Rescue'. It has been so lovely to see the children back in the classroom over the past few weeks. We have continued to see lots of enthusiasm towards our learning and lots of progress being made. The children have worked hard to apply the skills they have been practicing at home and bring them back into the classroom. We have thought about the things we have enjoyed learning, both in school and at home, and have reflected on our learning. We have tried to answer as many of the children's questions as possible and they have remembered so much. Well done everyone for a fantastic term!

A few reminders

Our timetable will be the same next term with Forest School continuing to be on a Monday and PE being Wednesday and Thursday.

We have been blessed with glorious weather the past few days but please keep in mind of what your children are wearing for Forest School. Shorts/skirts/dresses are not appropriate for Forest School and nor are strappy tops. Please make sure your child's arms and legs are covered and although it may be a warm day, under the trees at Forest School it can often be chilly.

When appropriate, please start to send your child to school with a named hat and sun cream. Sun cream should be applied before school and we will encourage the children to re-apply this when necessary, so smaller bottles are much more helpful.

Next term...

I'm really looking forward to starting the Summer Term with our new theme which is going to be all about bugs and minibeasts.

Our new theme is going to be called 'We're going on a bug hunt'. The children had lots of questions about: different types of minibeasts, how minibeasts travel and move, what different minibeasts do and where they live. We are hoping to visit some local areas to help us to explore and compare what we can find as well as using our Forest School site too.

I am also beginning to plan some local visits, which will be in line with COVID guidelines that are in place. When dates are confirmed, we will share these with you as soon as possible. Please be assured that any visits we do have, will be done in the safest way possible and will only happen if it is safe to do so.

Phonics and reading

The children have worked hard with our phonics sounds. We have re-capped a few of the sounds that we have learnt at home and we will be learning some new sounds next term. Continuous reading really supports the phonics process and this doesn't always have to be school reading books. We will start to use Spelling Shed and have weekly challenges to re-visit and re-cap our new sounds. You still have access to Oxford Owl and Phonics Play if you want to practice anything over the Easter holidays.

Maths

We have been working hard to gain a good understanding of numbers 1-10. This is being able to add and subtract with these numbers, subitise to 10, partition numbers to 10, order numbers to 10, recognise numerals and the written format as well identify one more and ones less. We will be applying these skills to numbers 11-20 next term.

Thank you!

I just wanted to take this opportunity to say 'thank you'. This has been a turbulent term in many ways and definitely not the way we pictured. Thank you for all working so hard at home and for supporting your child's learning. There is nothing better than being back in the classroom and seeing all of those smiley faces again! On a personal note, I really wanted to say 'thank you' to you all for your support, understanding and well wishes. We have tried our best to make my absence from school as seamless as possible, without wanting to worry the children, but also making them feel comfortable if they had questions they have wanted to ask. We are all looking forward to starting the Summer Term and I hope you have a wonderful and safe Easter break! Miss Paton x