

How You can Help at home.



Reading

This half term we will be looking at sharing and listening to stories in order to instill a love of books and enhance children's communication and language skills. We have resumed our library service, which takes place on a Thursday before the session. Parents come in with children and choose a book with their child. If the child has read at home the children get a 'super stamp' to commend their great work. As you know reading at home for just 5-10 minutes a night can make all the difference to your child's development and we encourage you to continue supporting your child with their reading at home.



Writing

In class we provide a range of opportunities for children's early mark making. This will help to enhance skills needed for pencil control and includes a range of fine motor activities, which helps strengthen muscles needed for writing. We will also provide opportunities to enhance and build upon skills already attained within the previous year.



Numeracy

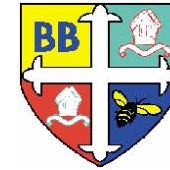
In numeracy we will practice our counting skills by counting in class and singing counting nursery rhymes. You can encourage your child to do this at home by singing along to nursery rhymes such as five currant buns and five speckled frogs. If you do not know these rhymes we will offer on request a rhyme sheet containing words to practice at home. We will continue to encourage children to count to 5. For returning children we will continue to extend counting skills and number recognition by providing additional numeracy challenges.



Useful Websites

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/websites/eysf/>

<http://www.bigeyedowl.co.uk/activities.htm>

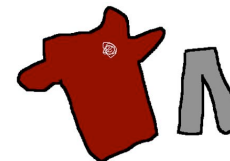


Nursery

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We Work, We Play,



We Care, We Pray



Half Termly Overview of Work



Personal, social and emotional development

For our personal, social and emotional development this half term we are concentrating on managing feelings. This includes steps such as:

- Responding to appropriate boundaries
- Taking turns and sharing resources
- Building relationships with other children
- Expressing own interests
- Exploring new environments
- Using a variety of questioning



Physical Development

In Nursery we are looking to develop children's physical skills through providing sensory experiences within the classroom to encourage children to build their muscles, and make connections between their movements and the marks they make. We will also encourage children to become familiar with books and turning the pages appropriately. Within continuous provision children consistently have access to outdoor equipment on the playground and in the natural area where they can run and move confidently in a range of ways.

Class Routines



Snack

Children will be offered a healthy morning snack this will cost £1 a week and will be paid on a Monday.



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Dates to remember



School Trips

There are currently no trips planned.

Topic

This half term we are looking at winter. We will be discussing with children the difference in temperature and weather and what is appropriate to wear in the cold winter months. We will be looking at differences and similarities of the seasons. Children will also be going on a winter walk to develop a concrete concept of winter features in detail within their own environment. This will help to enhance children's knowledge and understanding of the world.

We will also be looking at traditional tales within this half term helping to create and develop good thinking and imagination skills within the children. From these traditional tales will come problem and reasoning activities as well as listening and communication skills, helping children to gain a variety of learning experiences to achieve full potential.



RE

This half term we will continue to say our prayers within each session.



Computing

Children have access to ipads within continuous provision for them to learn how to effectively work the ipad and encourage them to play educational games

Phonics

In phonics we are looking at Aspects 1-4 of our letters and sounds documents. We have been concentrating predominantly on environmental and instrumental sounds. This helps us to become familiar with all the sounds around us. We are also concentrating on our listening skills and how to be a good listener. You can help your child at home by cupping your ears and being a good listener and concentrating on all the sounds you can hear around you. Then you can help to discuss and name the sounds you have heard helping children become familiar with sounds and also to be a 'good listener'. In addition to this we will be helping the children become familiar with body percussion and the sounds we can make with our own bodies.



PE - To keep fit nursery regularly have access to outdoors, nature area and occasionally complete dancing routines and stretches



Homework

We have started to send homework home again on a Friday after the nursery session and it is to be completed and handed in again on a Monday for marking. Working at home with your child helps to keep a good school/home consistency for the children.

