

Welcome to Foundation Stage

Welcome back - we hope you all had a fantastic Christmas and would like to wish you a very Happy New Year! The children have all worked very hard in the first two terms and have made really good progress. Didn't they do brilliantly in the Christmas production – it is hard to believe that they have only been in school for a matter of weeks! We are looking forward to 2023 being a very successful and happy year for us all.

Term Three

During this term we will be talking about the importance of water in our lives, experimenting with water and looking at animals that have watery habitats. We will also be looking at maps of the world and learning about different countries and cultures.

Literacy/Communication and Language

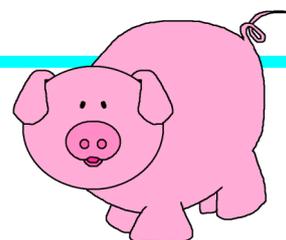
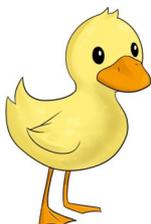
We will be practising letter formation, word building, sentence writing and continuing our phonics programme 'Little Wandle'. To reinforce our work on letter formation the children will be bringing home some homework which will focus on the letters covered each week. These homework books will be marked each Monday and returned to you, updated, on Tuesdays. We will also be looking at information books and extending our Tricky Words sight vocabulary from the 'Little Wandle' phonics programme. Thank you for the hard work you have put in helping the children to practise these at home, it really makes a difference.

Reading

This term we will begin to send home reading scheme books.

Mathematics

We will be reinforcing number recognition and extending this to two digit numbers. We will also be looking at strategies for simple addition and subtraction, coin recognition, positional language, shape and symmetry. Fun activities and games ideas will be sent home each week to reinforce the concepts covered in class.





Term Four

We will be continuing to learn about the local environment, our part in caring for it and the world around us. We have already planted some bulbs in our new growing area ready for next Spring and will be planting vegetables, herbs and flowers this term (any donations of pots, compost or tools will be gratefully received). We will also be finding out about the different parts of plants, how they grow and how they are used.

Literacy/Communication and Language

We will be continuing our phonics programme 'Little Wandle' and practising letter formation and word building. We will begin to look at more complex sentence writing and also at writing for different purposes. We will also continue to extend our Tricky Words sight vocabulary.

Mathematics

We will be continuing to practise strategies for simple addition and subtraction, learning about number bonds and recognising small amounts without counting (subitising). We will also be looking at counting in 2's and 10's and beginning to explore time and clocks. Fun activities and games ideas will continue to be sent home to reinforce the concepts covered in class.

General information

Our role play area for term 3 will be an amazing cruise ship. We are planning to visit some very exciting destinations. Our itinerary is:

Week 2—Hawaii

Week 3—China

Week 4—Italy

Week 5— India

Week 6— USA

If you have any information or resources relating to any of these places we would love to hear about it.

Also just a couple of reminders:

- Please ensure all items of clothing are named, particularly gloves, hats and scarves.
- Please remove earrings for PE on Mondays.
- Please keep nail varnish and tattoos for parties or weekends only.

And finally a plea for help: The children really enjoy drawing and we therefore go through large volumes of paper each day. If you have any spare scrap paper that we could use please send it in with your child - all donations very gratefully received!!!



Mrs Butcher and Mrs Webb

