

Our Early Years Newsletter January 2018

This half term our topics are: Reception ~ Superheroes,
Nursery ~ Food



Just Three's ~ familiar stories and rhymes.

We will also be covering Winter, Valentine's Day, Pancake Day and Chinese New Year.

Just Threes

Communications & Language (literacy/maths) - we are developing our listening and attention skills so we can enjoy wonderful stories and songs helping us to understand the world around us and learn all about numbers too.

Physical Development— developing our fine and gross motor skills through painting and drawing helps us to express ourselves and have fun playing with sensory activities.

Personal Social & Emotional Development—our focus will be developing our confidence and self- esteem as we make new friends in our new class.

Nursery

Literacy — We are concentrating on our listening skills. We are using songs, rhymes and musical instruments to help with this. You can help us by making sure when you are talking to your child or they are talking to you, that you maintain eye contact at all times.

It is also helpful to occasionally ask your child to repeat what you have just said. This will then tell you if they have been listening.

Maths—We are learning to count amounts carefully to 5 and beyond. We do this through number songs and rhymes. You can help by singing number rhymes and songs with your child. If you have any favourites you remember as a child we would like to hear them.

Reception

Literacy :-We are learning to read and spell simple 3 letter words and using our letter knowledge to write words and captions. We are also learning to recognise and write 'tricky words'. Some of our children will be trying to hold and write a sentence.

Maths:-We are recognising numerals to 20 and counting objects and pictures reliably. Children will also be adding and subtracting as well as using the vocabulary associated with these.

We are learning the days of the week in order. You can help by:- Encouraging the use of these skills in everyday situations will help your children enormously, e.g careful counting knives and forks, looking at environmental print and continue with handwriting and fine motor skills.

Please support homework with your child each week.

Winter Weather.

Please make sure your child is appropriately dressed for outdoor play as we play out whatever the weather throws at us. If your child comes to school in wellingtons please make sure you send a change of shoes.

It is wonderful to see children be independent, please encourage them to be able to put their own coat on and fasten it.

Thank you.



Dates for your diary

We will be having our end of term assemblies

On Thursday

16th February

11:15 am and 2:45 pm

Please try to attend as this is a fantastic opportunity for the children to showcase their learning. They really do appreciate it when parents attend.

Ash Green Foundation Unit: Just Threes

Do you have a child who has turned three or will turn three between 1st January and 31st March 2017? If the answer is YES your child will be eligible for a FREE Early Education place. This means your child can attend up to 5 part time Early Education sessions of 3 hours each, during term time only, at the Lower Site of Ash Green Community Primary School from Easter as a Just Three.

If you are interested in booking a place for your child, or would like more information about the places available please contact Julia King on 01422 231193 or pop into one of the units and a member of staff will be able to help.