

Early Years

Friday 11.2.2022

News and Reminders

As the whole school playground changes and we embrace the whole school OPAL project to improve our playtimes, we are clamping down on play fighting. Although rough play is normal developmental play, within a school setting, there are too many children and a high risk of injury. We are teaching the children to manage their own safety and to know when their play is becoming unsafe.

School Trip

We apologise for the delay in getting the payments set up but this has been due to staff shortages and should be set up before half term. Therefore, the payment will not be due until Friday, 4th March.

Spirituality

We have looked at the Chinese Lunar New Year celebrations and this week learned a little about Vasant Panchmi, the Hindu festival of spring.

Next week we are looking at diversity both in our class and in the wider world. We are sharing any homework you have completed, whether it is on Seesaw or if you have sent in a hard copy.

Scarecrow Wedding

As part of our diversity week, we are looking at celebrations and in particular weddings. We will be reading the Scarecrows' Wedding in topic and Literacy. Our experience for this will be having a Scarecrow Wedding in school with the children dressed up in their party clothes. We would like children to come to school in their party clothes with their school clothes in a named bag to change into after the Wedding Breakfast. Look out for some fabulous photos on Tapestry.

Spare Clothes

Thank you for your kind donations of spare clothes. Please do remember, if your child comes home with some of our spare clothes we would be grateful to have these returned clean, as soon as possible.

Junk Modelling

Please continue to send in any clean cardboard boxes, yogurt pots, small bottles or any other items that you would normally put in the recycling bin. The children are able to make amazing models and this is encouraging their problem-solving skills and imagination.

Tinkering Station

If you have any old electronic devices, including remote controls could you please bring them in. We are encouraging the children to investigate these items, opening them up and exploring what is inside.

Homework

Literacy - write a sentence about a celebration you have been part of. This could be a wedding, a birthday, a christening, large family gathering. A photo would also be lovely and we can share them with the rest of the class.

For our topic we will be learning Dingle, Dangle Scarecrow.

As always, the homework will be on Seesaw tonight.

Our Learning

Our focus this half term is Our Diverse World.

We have been learning about Chinese Lunar New Year and the different celebrations that different regions take part in such as the throwing of wishes, attached to oranges to throw in the Wishing Tree.

We have continued to learn our new sounds, including special friends. Please encourage your child to tell you what sounds they have been learning as this will help them to retain that information.

In maths we have been learning about different ways to make 5, 6 and 7. When learning about 6 and 7 we are using the language of "five and a bit". The children are very confident about 5 so are able to see that numbers beyond this only need a little bit to make 6 or 7.

Superstar Learners

The Christian Values Awards so far this term are:

Alder: Matteo - Responsibility
Edward - Love
Elena - Love

Ash: Kurt - Responsibility
Angel - Love
Oliver W - Cooperation

Diary Dates

Forest School (please come into school wearing Forest School kit and bring spares):

Ash- Monday

Alder- Tuesday

PE (please come in to school wearing PE kit):

Earrings must be removed or taped

Ash and Alder - Friday

Library:

Books to be returned - Wednesday 16th February

New books will be issued after the half term break

New books issued - Friday 25th February

Books to be returned - Wednesday 9th March

New Books issued - Friday 11th March

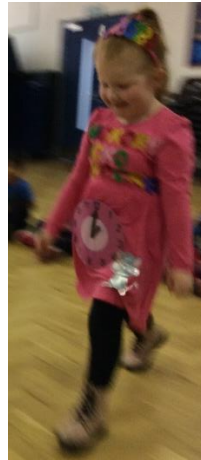
Books to be returned - Wednesday 23rd March

New books issued - Friday 25th March

Books to be returned - Wednesday 6th April

New books will be issued after the Easter break

Number Day



Chinese New Year Celebrations





Vasant Panchmi

Painting yellow flowers for the Hindu festival of Spring



