



# EYFS Spring 1 Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back. We hope you had a lovely break with your families and are ready for the Spring term ahead. We have lots of exciting things planned this half term.

We would like to extend a special welcome to our new intake of Nursery children. We hope they have a smooth transition and settle with confidence, as they separate from parents and carers. We would like to remind all parents to ensure your child is independent in their toileting and putting on their coats.

## Topics for this term:

Nursery – 'How do things move'

Reception – 'Twinkle, twinkle little star, how I wonder what you are?'

We hope you find the following information useful in supporting your child's learning this term.

## Remote Learning

We are so grateful to all the parents and pupils who have enthusiastically embraced our remote learning on Fridays. We are delighted that so many of you have downloaded the Evidence Me App and it is fantastic to see how all children are continuing their learning at home. Our Reception children who showed commitment to this have already participated in a party to celebrate their achievements and our Nursery children will be having a special award ceremony to acknowledge their efforts. Please continue to support your child with their Friday learning from home which is uploaded onto the Nursery and Reception parts of the school website each week.

## Promoting British Values

Our focus for this half term will be 'Individual Liberty'. Children will be talking about what they are good at and what they are working to be better at. They will be learning about who can help

them to achieve this and how they will feel when they have achieved this.

## Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will continue to concentrate on encouraging our children to develop their spiritual, moral, social and cultural development (SMSC).

In Nursery we will be focusing on our SEAL topic 'Managing Feelings'. Children will be learning about how to give comfort and show empathy when somebody is scared, worried and sad.

In Reception we will also continue to focus on our SEAL topic 'Going for Goals'.

Children will be learning about how they are all good at different things. They will be talking about what they are going to do next and what they like to learn.

Children will also be identifying what they have done and what has worked well.

## Communication & Language/Literacy

Core stories for this term:

Nursery – Fireman Sam- The Pontypandy Winter Rescue, Dig Dig Digging, The Train Ride, My first book of transports, Buddy the Dog's Internet Safety Story, Lanterns and Firecrackers

Reception – The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark, The Skies Above my Eyes, Toys in Space, Professor Astro Cat's Solar System, A Cat's Guide to the Night Sky, Beegu, The Great Race: The Story of the Chinese Zodiac, Imagine, Penguin Pig

Children will be given opportunities to develop their spoken language. They will take part in written activities, which include handwriting patterns and writing their names. We will also be learning our Read Write Inc. letter sounds, taking part in speaking, and promoting the use of Standard English.

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## **Mathematics**

In Nursery children will be comparing two groups of objects, saying when they have the same number. They will be looking at number problems and separating a group of objects in different ways and recognising that the total is still the same. Children will be looking at numbers in the environment and representing numbers. They will also be learning that not only objects, but anything can be counted, including steps, claps or jumps. Children will be also be learning positional language.

As Reception Mathematicians we will be focusing on begin to estimate quantities, sorting and describing 2D shapes and talking about symmetry. We will continue a repeating pattern with three colours/shapes/objects and also begin to recognise and create symmetrical patterns. We will also look at calculating by adding saying the next number (without counting from 1) and adding 1 or 2 to any number up to 10. We will find different ways to partition sets of ten objects and learn to read the corresponding addition. We will also begin to look at early subtraction – guessing how many are hiding.

## **Understanding the World**

In Nursery we will exploring movement in a range of ways. We will be looking at floating and sinking, using friction to propel vehicles and even using a balloon to power the cars in Nursery. In addition to looking at movement, we will also be looking at changes in state and how foods change as they are heated or cooled.

In Reception children will be learning how we make sense of the world with our bodies. We will learn about the functions of each of the five senses and we will be using them as much as possible to find out about our world this half term.

We will also develop our ICT skills through using the use of the interactive white board. Accessing a range of apps and

software on the iPad will help your child to become familiar and confident in using ICT to support their learning.

## **Physical Development**

As before, our children will have the opportunities to explore outdoor and indoor provision. We aim for outdoor learning to be safe, fun, exciting and create as many opportunities as possible for children to engage in experience in a valuable, play orientated environment. We will also help our children to understand the importance of physical activity, as part of a healthy lifestyle.

## **Expressive Arts and Design**

In Nursery children will be doing lots of transport themed craft activities such as: sponge painting boats, junk modelling transport, 2D shape train pictures, lolly stick aeroplanes and paper plate cars. In the last week of term, they will be doing lots of Chinese New Year themed creative activities.

In Reception children will also be doing lots of topic themed craft activities such as: making a split pin astronaut, resist art, rocket models, tin foil stars and marbled planets

## **Investors in Pupils**

As part of our Investors in Pupils, we will share our targets and goals and continue to aim high within the Early Years Foundation Stage, which includes improving our attendance target of 100%.

## **Forth coming events**

### **School closes for half term**

Friday 12 February 2021

### **School reopens**

Monday 22 February 2021

## **Finally..**

Thank you for all your ongoing support. The partnership between home and school really does make a great difference to your child's education.