



29th April 2021

Dear Parents and carers

Welcome back to school. We hope you have had time enjoy your children over the Easter Break. This term our topic will be **'Going on a Journey'**. We are really looking forward to learning all about the journeys we have had and the ones we would like to go on as well as many more exciting activities.

Hot weather

Please ensure your child has a labelled waterproof coat, sunhat and sun cream in school every day, as they will be outdoors more in this weather.

Phonics

This term we will be consolidating phase 3 phonics and ensuring they are able to apply their knowledge when writing and reading.

Children will continue to bring home their 'Home learning Book' as they did last term. They will have a list of phonetically decodable words and common exception words, to read and write.

Most of your children know their phase 2 and phase3 individual phonemes and this is fantastic. But please continue practising every day. Also, please practise their reading of 'tricky' words by sight and not by sounding them out.

We now need to ensure they can recognise them automatically when reading their phonics books so their fluency advances. They also need to recall the letters that match the sounds, when writing. They also need to be able to write sentences independently using their phonics.

Please also practise their letter formation at home and dictating sentences to them to gain fluency for writing.

Reading

Please keep reading at least 3 times a week to develop their fluency and comprehension skills. Remember to write a comment in the reading record about their reading, as we count these reads at home for their Reading certificates.

Travelling Adventure Day

We will be holding our Travelling Adventure Day, when we will all be dressing up as travellers. E.g. astronaut, sailor, chauffer, back packer, tourist, train driver, coach driver, pilot, air cabin crew. No need to buy a costume for these.

Dates for your diary:

Travelling Adventure Day 27th May
Last Day of Term 28th May

Finally, please remember that my door is always open and if you have any questions, please feel free to pop in and ask.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Ambrose, Miss Web, Miss Murray and the EYFS Team

Communication and Language Development

We will concentrate on developing our listening and language skills. We will work on listening with attention to stories without pictures or props and listening and talk to others, and being able to respond appropriately in full sentences. They will practise these skills during whole class teaching in "Talking Partners". We will concentrate on learning to follow two and three-part instructions effectively.

Physical Development

We will be going on our Welly Walks every other week to learn about our local environment and the seasons. We will be doing Tennis in our PE sessions and continue to practise our pre-cursive letter formation and number formation. We will also continue to develop our fine motor skills during our sessions weekly.

Literacy

We will be listening to stories such as A ticket around the world, Are we there yet? And Emma Jaynes's Aeroplane.

We will be using our phonics knowledge to write sentences to retell our stories and write about our own journeys.

In Reading we will continue to learn new vocabulary through our topic books, how stories are sequenced and how those stories might link to our own lives.

People and Communities and Religious Education

We will be learning about 'which places are special and why.'

We will explore the similarities between themselves and others, among families and communities and traditions.

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Expressive Arts and Design

Art

We will be making aeroplanes, moving cars, a globe and many other art projects as well as learning new painting techniques.

Music

We will continue to use our CHARANGA music system to develop our sense of rhythm and beat. Practise our songs for the "Make a Noise" concert

Understanding the World

We will be learning about the season of summer and how when we travel we might be going back or forwards in time.

We will look at time zones around the world and day and night. We will also talk about the weather in both sides of the Equator.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This term we will be talking about: Relationships where we will discuss about our friendships and our relationships with others.

Our Value for this term is Empathy

We will continue to have circle time to discuss how to be good friends, behaviour expectations and many more topics which are relevant to them.

Mathematics Development

We will continue to focus on "teen numbers" and addition and subtraction. We will start by adding objects only and using the correct vocabulary for this. (Plus, more, altogether, makes, take away, minus, less) We will continue to learn about 3D shapes, their names and properties. We will explore weight, height and positional language. We will continue to look at the coins we use in Britain and compare to other currencies around the world? We will also talk about time and the order of the day.