

Year R Newsletter - Spring 1 - January 2022



Our themes this half-term are “ Winter wonderland” ,”Chinese New Year”, “ Dinosaurs” and “ Healthy hearts”.

Literacy – We will continue to learn our phonic sounds, keywords and high frequency words on a daily basis. We will explore fiction and non-fiction books about winter, hedgehogs, dinosaurs, Chinese New Year and being healthy. In our shared reading session we will access digital books through the Interactive whiteboard

Mathematics – Our maths sessions will be looking at the composition of 4 and 5 to build confidence to be able to automatically recall numbers bonds of 4 and 5. We will also begin to write and draw our mathematical thinking as well as revisit mass, capacity and time.

Understanding of the world – We begin the year exploring winter and animals that hibernate. The children will be able to share their knowledge of dinosaurs before we talk about fossils and how they might have become extinct. We will also celebrate Chinese New Year in the class where the children will learn about the customs and enjoy some Chinese food.

Art and design –. During our dinosaur topic the children will create 3D models using junk materials learning to select the right materials as well as the best ways to join them. We will look at colour mixing and how to create texture.

Physical Development – In our twice weekly PE sessions we will continue to develop our co-ordination, strength and balance as well as learning to control a ball using hands and feet.

Dates for your diary

January

Tuesday, 25th January 2022

Outdoor Learning Day

February

Friday, 18th February 2022

INSET Day – School Closed

Monday, 21st - Friday, 25th February 2022

Half-Term Holiday – School Closed

Parents' evenings - dates to follow



PE Day

Indoor - Monday PM

Outdoor - Thursday AM

Spare Underwear/Uniform

If you have any spare underwear or school uniform, please bring into school as we are short of spares.

Water Bottle

Please ensure your child has a named water bottle in school every day.

How you can help your child at home:

Please continue to access digital books through Oxford Owl. This will build up your child's confidence to use phonic sounds to read.

We will regularly send out packs to children who need extra support in phonics, writing and maths. If you receive a pack and have any questions please speak to the class teacher.

Tapestry is the place to visit to see the learning in the classroom and will give you an idea of the activities that will support your child at home.

Outdoor Learning Day

Year R will be having an outdoor learning day on **Tuesday 25th January**. Please can your child wear leggings/tracksuit trousers and trainers or wellies with a coat suitable for the weather. School sweatshirts/cardigans should be worn on top.



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