

FS1

Summer 2

Curriculum Newsletter



Dear Parent / Carer,

We are so impressed with how much the children have learned this year. Many of the children are getting ready to go to FS2 in September. Last half term we had so much excitement, when eggs arrived at the nursery. The children have enjoyed watching the chicks hatch out of their eggs and grow. We have been impressed with observations made by the children as they have watched them hatch.

Subject Overviews

Writing

This term we are continuing Read Write Inc sessions. Children will review the letter sounds and practise writing them. We will practise hearing initial sounds and segmenting words to hear all the letter sounds. We will have the opportunity to mark make using a wide range of media including crayons, paint, markers, pencils and through our messy play. We will link our mark making to our topics. Some children will practise their pencil grip and writing their names, especially those going to FS2 in September. Children will be encouraged to write letters using correct letter formation. In addition, there will be many activities through our independent learning to strengthen our bodies ready for writing.

Reading

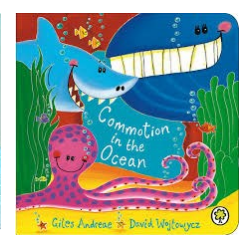
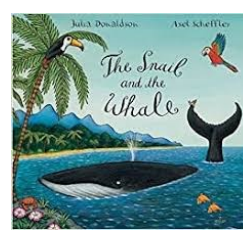
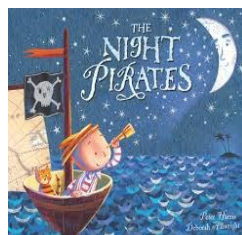
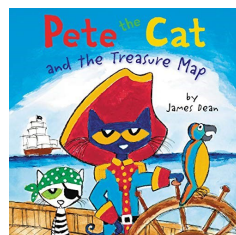
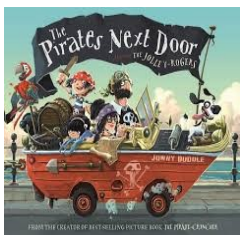
We will share stories and poems related to our topics this half term. During our Pirate topic, some of the stories we will read together are The Pirates Next Door, Pete's Cat, and The Night Pirates.. We will then read stories about the Seaside such as The Snail and the Whale, Commotion in the Ocean, and Billy's Bucket. Children will practise oral blending and auditory memory activities to get them ready for reading in FS2. We will have many chances to share a wide range of stories together this half term. The children are getting good at answering questions about the stories we have read. Please keep practising this skill at home to help them in their learning.

Maths

In Maths, we will continue to practise counting orally to 10 and 20 and using 1 to 1 correspondence during counting games. We will practise counting objects that can move as well as objects that can't be moved such as spots on a ladybird. We will learn the names of 2D shapes and practise describing the properties of these shapes. Some children will begin to explore doubling numbers using our ladybirds. Children will also explore quantity by comparing groups of objects.

Topic

Our topics this half term are Pirates and the Seaside, We will explore these topics through our independent learning and through the stories we share. We will compare different mini beasts noticing similarities and differences. We will explore changes in plants as they grow from a tiny seed into a plant. Finally we will compare photos of ourselves from the beginning of the year until now as part of our transition into FS2.



Personal Social and Emotional

Children will develop an awareness of the feelings of others through stories. They are learning how to take turns and share as well as using words to resolve conflicts. We will talk about caring for living creatures and relate looking after mini beast to how we cared for the chicks.

Communication and Language

The children will be introduced to new words linked to our learning. We will encourage the children to join in with repeated refrains during story sessions. We will ask how and why questions to encourage them to extend their sentences and come up with their own explanations. The children will continue to develop their prepositional language skills by following instruction on where to put objects as well as explaining where objects are.

Physical Development

Children will practise their sports days activities and team games in their PE lessons. They will practise throwing and catching a ball and turn taking. We will also be practising our balancing skills through balancing ourselves in different ways and balancing objects on ourselves. Please make sure that the children are suitably dressed on their PE day—Monday am and pm

Understanding the World

Children will explore pattern and change in the natural world. We will talk about life cycles and handling mini beasts with care. We will plant seeds and look at what a plant needs to grow healthy and strong. We will be using our observational skills to talk about how things we have observed have changed. We will continue to develop our computing skills by programming the BeeBots accurately and using the iPad's to play educational games.

Expressive Arts and Design

We will listen to storytelling and create our own stories using props. Children will create their own mini beasts and patterns using a wide range of materials. We will continue to explore musical instruments and how we can change the sounds that they make also we will be exploring adding movements in response to the music we make.

Parent Reminder:

We would discourage the children from bringing in toys from home and ask for your support with this please.

Now that the weather is getting warmer, please apply sun cream every day as we are unable to apply it. Please send your child in with a labelled sunhat and water bottle.

Our PE sessions are Monday AM and PM.

If your children are in Nursery for these sessions please make sure that you send them in wearing trainers.

***Parent Reminders:* Please put water in water bottles not juice.**

Please label all clothing to help the children keep track of their belongings.

Homework

Reading

Please continue to share stories with your children at home. Ask the children to explain what has happened in the story. Encourage them to retell and story in their own language. Challenge them to predict the story ending, Here are some helpful questions to ask while you are sharing a story:

- What is happening in the story?
- What do you think will happen next?
- How did the character feel when that happened?

Home learning related to our Topic

Mini beast Hunt—Explore your garden or local park. What can you find?
Can you plant a seed and watch it grow.
Make a mini beast using different materials.

Upcoming Events in Summer 2

- School Photos 8th June 2021
- Sports Day children only 2nd July 2021
- Transition Day 5th July 2021
- Farm Trip in school time 12th July
- Disco in school time 16th July
- Last Day of Term Tuesday 20th July 2021