



FS2

Summer 2

Curriculum Newsletter



Dear Parent / Carer,

We have had an excellent year in FS2. Last half term we had so much excitement, when eggs arrived in Reception. The children enjoyed watching the chicks hatch out of their eggs and looking after them. We have been impressed with observations made by the children as they have watched them hatch. The children have impressed us with how much they have learned in such a short time. Many are confident readers and writers. They can apply the skills they have learned in our daily Read Write Inc session in their own reading and writing. The children have learned how to find answers when faced with challenges in Maths. They are getting great at giving explanations for how they solve mathematical problems. We are looking forward to a busy and exciting last half term FS2.

Subject Overviews

Writing

Children have practised writing for different purposes. They have become confident at writing lists and sentences. We will also continue to practise sentence writing using our topics 'Supertato' and 'Aliens Love Underpants' as a stimulus for our exciting writing. We will design a trap to catch Evil Pea and describe to the police the 'crime scene' when the aliens land on our playground. We are sure the children will have lots of great ideas. We will challenge children to think of and write their own stories this term. The children have enjoyed practising their spellings and look forward to their spelling checks on a Friday. Please continue to practise these at home with your child.

Reading

The children have become confident readers and can now recognise and read many red words. They can decode 2 syllable words by breaking the word into syllables. Many children can talk about what they have read and answer questions related to the story. They enjoy reading a range of texts and are generally excited about reading!

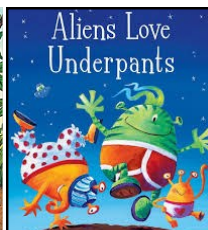
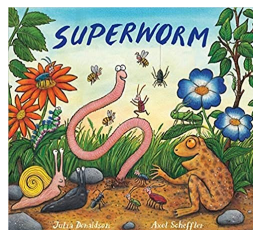
Maths

During this last term, the children will be consolidating their problem solving skills with time, distance, weight, and money. They will compare the quantity of objects and solve problems. They will solve number problems including doubling, halving, adding and subtracting numbers. The children will use a range of strategies to solve these problems, including counting on and back to find the answer. The children will have many opportunities to carry out practical activities involving doubling and halving weekly. They will begin to solve practical problems that involve combining groups of 2, 5 or 10.

Topic

This half term we will use our imaginations during our fantasy topic. We will read 'Supertato' and 'Alien Loves Underpants' and do related activities through our choosing time. We will make and design our own Super vegetables. We will also design and make a trap for Evil Pea in "Supertato". Through the story "Aliens Love Underpants" we will learn about space and design our own space creature. We will think of its features and what it needs to survive. We will also learn about Dinosaurs looking at their features and habitat. There are lots of interesting things to learn about!

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Subject overviews

Personal Social and Emotional

The children will be encouraged to speak to the whole class about their own ideas in relation to our topics and share their explanations for why things happen. During our circle time we will talk about what they have enjoyed learning this year and what they are looking forward to in Year One. The children will all have an opportunity to spend a day in their new classes learning with their new class teacher. We are sure you will agree that they should be very proud of all they have achieved this year.

Communication and Language

This half term the children will recount their experiences and imagine possibilities. We will support them to use a range of vocabulary in imaginative ways. We will use language for a variety of purposes including adding information, expressing ideas or explaining actions or events. Then they will be able to express their own views in comparisons to that of their peers. These activities will help them appreciate that we are all different and how we can still come to some agreement.

Physical development

As we are nearly at the end of Reception, we would like to see your child put their own shoes on and zip their own coat up independently ready for transition into year one. In PE we will be getting ready for our sports day by practising the activities we will take part in during the day. In addition, we will practise skipping in time to music. We have been working very hard on our handwriting during weekly sessions. We are now able to form our letters correctly and are able to write on the lines. Our teachers are very pleased with our writing and this will give us a great start ready for Year One in September.

Music

This term we will continue to explore different aspects of music through our topics. We will explore controlling sounds using our voices and actions. We will build arrangements and sing cumulative songs with actions and movement. We will also learn about pulse and tempo through our weekly music sessions.

Understanding the World

The children will learn about space and be able to name and describe some of the planets through our "Aliens love Underpants" topic. Through our topic of Dinosaurs children will learn the names of and facts about different dinosaurs. They will talk about what they eat, and where they lived. Children will develop dinosaur fact files based on what they learn from our research. They will think about why dinosaurs are extinct and learn some of the theories to explain this.

ICT

Thank you for taking time to complete the technology questionnaire. It has helped us to understand what ICT equipment is used in your household. The children can now recognise that a range of technology is used in places such as homes and schools. They are able to say what the purpose is of the equipment. They enjoy exploring the I pads and they are able to use certain apps independently. If you haven't signed up to the Interactive Learning Dairy app (ILD) please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher.

Expressive Arts and Expressive Art and Design

Children will combine media through their play. They will design and make a vegetable super hero. Through our topics they will experiment with role playing using their own ideas to develop their own narratives.

Homework

Reading

Encourage your child to continue reading at home. Practise Fred in your head (sight reading) with easier words. Remember to spot special friends, break down longer words to decode them, and check if they aren't sure what a word means.

Writing

Continue practising your spellings at home every week. Try writing more than one sentence and even challenge yourself to write a story with a beginning, middle and end.

Maths

Practise the names and properties of 3D shapes, and solving problems with money, weight and time. Eg. What costs the most? How many ways can I make 10p?

Topic

Supertato— Create your own super vegetable out of real vegetables. Write a story about your super vegetable's adventures.

Aliens Love Underpants Make up your own alien number problems. Can you use ICT to find out about other planets? What planet do you think the aliens live on? Why?

Dinosaurs— Create a book with Facts about dinosaurs. Draw a picture of a dinosaur and write a story about your dinosaur.

Children are encouraged to complete their homework because it reinforces the learning which takes place in school and is another opportunity to practise.

Upcoming Events in Summer 2

- School Photos 8 June 2021
- Sports Day children only 2 July 2021
- Transition Day 5 July 2021
- Farm Trip and Picnic in School 12 July
- Class Disco- during school day 16 July 2021
- Last Day of Term Tuesday 20 July 2021