



Summer Term 2021

Welcome back!

All of the children have come back into school happy and ready for the term ahead.

Personal, Social and Emotional

Children will be learning to take account of others ideas about how to organise their activities. This will be taught through lots of team games and activities both indoors and outside.

Communication and Language

To help your child at home you could encourage your child extend their imaginative play by introducing a problem or a new situation to their role play. We will be setting different narratives for children to act out and asking 'What if..?' questions.

Physical Development

Now the weather is improving there will be more opportunities for children to practise their large and small gross motor skills. To help them do this you could provide paintbrushes and water for them to paint, play ball games, go to the park and climb etc

Allowing your child to play and explore outside will help to really engage their imagination.

Mathematics

There are endless ways in which you can help your child develop their mathematical understanding at home. Here are just a few of the starting points you may find useful:

- Asking questions such as 'How many will I have altogether?', 'How will I find the total?', 'How many more do I need?'
- Drawing and measuring shadows.
- Weighing during a baking activity.
- Counting money and giving change.
- Looking for shapes in the clouds.

Writing

This half term we will be having a real push on writing sentences which can be read by themselves and others.

We will be encouraging children to use their phonic knowledge to write independently.

Finally, we will be writing short stories and recounts of events.

When trying these at home please remember to make writing and mark making fun so write in foam, sand, chalk, water etc.

Reading

Books will be changed on a Monday and Thursday.

Try to practise reading books and keyring words each night, signing the home diary when you do. Reading records need to be in school everyday.

When a book comes home please:

- First 'walk through' the text by flicking through all the pages, pointing out characters, highlighting key words to your child before starting, then go back to the beginning and encourage them to point at the words as they read
- Help them to focus on the print by pointing out words which they might already know from their keyring
- Discuss both the pictures and the story content
- Encourage your child to re-tell the story in their own words