

Personal, Social & Emotional skills:

Can You Help Me?

We will be exploring how good friends help one another through story, song and rhyme. The children will be making friendship bracelets and talking about things they do that make them a good friend such as sharing, taking turns, listening to each other, spending time together etc. This will be done by staff pointing out when a child is being a good friend e.g. "you helped Tom find his hat, you are a good friend because good friends help one another."

What you can do to help:

Read stories about friendships to your little one. We have plenty in our class library if you would like to take one home!

Here is a link to a lovely story about making friends,
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FscP9oYtWlQ>

Understanding the World

The natural world - We will be learning how to care for the plants we sow in our school garden and things we can do to help wildlife flourish in our gardens and why this is important. We will be learning why it is important to be 'Bee friendly' and will be planting bee friendly plants and seeds.

What you can do to help – When you are out and about help your children learn the names of plants and animals they come across. Teach them to be litter friendly and put their litter in bins.

People, Culture and Communities – The children will be learning about people who can help them. Farmer Steve will be visiting the nursery with some of his farm animals to talk about how he his job helps people.

What you can do to help

Point out people in the community who help others e.g. nurse, teachers, police etc look out for subtle openings that create the opportunity for you to talk about people who help us e.g. when you visit the dentist.

Past and Present –

Argh Jim Lad!! We will be being very piratey this term and even learning to speak like a pirate!

What you can do to help: the children will love to learn this song about pirates. Click on the link to see the video. You could all dress up as pirates and act out the song as you sing it. You could even make a pirate map to help find treasure in the back garden.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mUYqek4PcKQ>

Parent Newsletter Summer

Term 1

Our Whole school theme this half term is entitled, 'Can You Help Me?'

Welcome back. We hope you all had a fun filled Easter holiday.

This term the children will be looking at ways in which they can work together as a team and our helpful Nursery inventors will be helping each other and working as a team to solve problems such as, 'Can you help me build a pirate ship to sail the seas?' We will also be looking at people who help us in the community.

Literacy

Focus books this term are: Goldilocks and the Three Bears and Matilda's Cat by Emily Gravit.

At this time of year, Nursery starts the schools synthetic phonics programme, 'Read Write Inc.' to help prepare those children going to Reception this September. It teaches the children sounds in English and the letters that represent them as well as mnemonic memory aid rhymes to help the children remember how to form each letter. This helps the children to quickly feel confident and successful when they make the move to their new Reception classes. With this in mind, Nursery is having a parent workshop on 3rd May from 3:20pm to 4:20pm. There will be a crèche in the next door Reception class for the children. You will receive a letter with more details about the work shop. You can also

What you can do to help reading: Click on the link and watch this video that shows you the sounds the children will be learning. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TkXcabDUg7Q>

What you can do to help with writing: if you think your child may be ready, you could start to help your child write their name. (Capital letters only for the first letter in their name please)

Expressive Arts and Design

The children will be using junk materials to design and make pirate ships and treasure boxes.

What you can do to help: send in boxes of different sizes for the children to make their own ships with. Or make your own pirate ship or treasure box at home with your child. They could bring their creation in and tell us how they made their ship.

Physical Development

PE with Coach Rose will continue to be every Monday & Tuesday morning and Wednesday afternoon.

Large motor skills: Outside we will be gardening, climbing, digging, riding the bike, dancing, playing throwing and catching games, building pirate ships with the big blocks.

Fine motor skills: We will be doing lots of threading, cutting and play dough activities. These activities are very important because they help strengthen and develop the children's muscles for writing.

What you can do to help:

Enrol your child for swimming lesson if you haven't already. Maybe think about joining your child to a club e.g. gymnastics/ dance/tennis/football etc.

Com and Language

Talking is not only good for communication but it is also linked to effective reading and writing. So please continue to upload information on Tapestry. This could be in the form of a video, photograph or it could be some information for a talking point e.g. A book your child has enjoyed or simply a fact they told you. This is to help with building confidence as children love to share their news, interests and achievements with the rest of nursery. Through play, rhyme, games and story the children will learn new words and you can encourage them to use these new words when playing.

What you can do to help: Please model/encourage your child to use words like "One day", "They all lived happily ever after", when they are telling a simple story. Some story books come with puppets or you could make your own to go with your child's favourite story and they could use the puppets to help them retell the story.

Nursery Focus books this term: Pirates Love Underpants by Claire Freedman, MRS Pirate by Nick Sharratt My Hair by Hann Lee. Goldilocks and the Three bears, Matilda's Cat by Emily Gravit 3 friends together by Hiawyn Oram, My Granny is a Pirate by Val McDermid

Maths

This term the children continue to develop a deeper understanding or numbers to 5.

They will be counting to 10 and beyond every day as well as counting back from 5. They will be sequencing numbers and comparing quantities using the language more than and less than. The children also learn songs to help them remember how to form the numbers. Going on treasure hunts and counting or booty!!

What you can do to help: Talk about numbers around you. Numbers are all around us, from calendars to the remote control, the telephone to car registration plates. Try pointing out numbers when you're out and about – on front doors, signs, the front of buses and train platforms. Talking about numbers around you early and often will show your child that numbers are part of everyday life.

They could help you solve problems such as, how many knives and forks .will we need to set the table for dinner? How can we find out how many knives and forks we will need? Help your children touch each item and say the number for each item as they count.

Come and See

This term we will be covering two topics –

Good News: The children will learn that everyone has good news to share. They will hear the story of Pentecost: and explore the joy and happiness the Good News of Jesus brings. They will learn that the Holy Spirit is our friend who guides and helps us.

What you can do to help: Share any good news you have with us on Tapestry so your child can share their good news.

Friends: The children will explore what being a good friend is e.g. friends help each other. They will learn that we can all be friends of Jesus and what Jesus tells us about being friends,

What you can do to help: Click on this link for Sesame Street- how to be good friends. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4ai7ckER2os> Talk to your child about what good friends do for each other e.g. share, listen, help. When your child show these qualities praise e.g. "You helped me tidy up, You are a good friend because good friends help one another. Thank you!"