



Happy New Year 2018
Year of the Dog

Topics for this half term:

- * **People in our community**

FS2-Class LK - Spring Term 1

Welcome Back!

Firstly we would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year and we hope you have enjoyed the Christmas break!

We would also like to take this opportunity to update you on the topics we will be covering this half term in class LK and other information that you may require.

We would like to remind all parents that our doors are open at 8.45am and you are welcome to stay and play with your child until 8.55am.

Your child must be in school before 8.55am as this is the end of registration.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will continue to develop children's self-confidence, and encourage children to be independent and to challenge themselves in learning time.

We will also be encouraging children to talk about their feelings and be sensitive to the needs and feelings of others.

Expressive Arts and Design

Children will develop role-play skills in our doctor's surgery.

The children will learn about different types of music and dance, including Chinese.

Communication and Language/

Literacy

During this term the children will talk and write about their Christmas holiday news. Then we will be using stories and non-fiction books to learn more about people that live and work in our community. Our phonics will also continue daily, as will our guided group reading sessions. During phonics and guided writing we will also support children to develop the correct letter formations.

Understanding the World

During the term we will complete investigations with ice by exploring melting and freezing.

Children will continue to learn about their own and other cultures. We will be reading well known Bible stories such as 'Jonah and the Whale' as well as experiencing some of the culture and traditions associated with Chinese New Year.

Mathematics

We will continue to work on counting in 1's and 10's. We will be learning to recognise and order numbers to 10 and then to 20. Children will also work on saying 1 more and 1 less than a given number up to 10 and then to 20.

We will also spend time learning basic calculation skills, by combining two groups of objects (addition).

In our shape, space and measures work the children will be comparing the height of each other (using vocabulary 'taller' and 'shorter') and the length of objects (using vocabulary 'longer and 'shorter').

Physical Development

The children will develop dance skills in our P.E. lessons. They will also be encouraged to use large and small equipment in the setting to develop their motor skills.

'In the Moment' We are very excited to introduce a new way of documenting the learning the children do in our setting, which will also demonstrate how we personalise learning to suit the needs and interests of all children. Please read the attached letter which will explain more about how you can be involved in this too!

Homework

Please support your child with reading at least 3 times a week. When your child is in phase 3 for phonics they will have spellings to practise at home also. Thank you for your support with this.

Thank you!

A big thank you to all parents who have voluntarily contributed some money to help cover the costs of resources such as play dough, paint and baking products. If you wish to help please place contributions of no more than 50p per week in our money box. Thank you.

Questions

If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to speak to one of the members of staff at any time.