

Foundation Class topic letter Second half of Autumn Term  
2018

Welcome back after the half-term break. Just a short note to let you know some of the things the children will be learning about over the next few weeks. A separate letter is attached inviting you to spend the morning in our class this term.

Just a gentle reminder that all children should now bring a coat to school, we still go out to play, even if it is wet or cold! Can I please ask that parents do not go out to the cloakroom area in the mornings now. The children are well trained to hang up their coats independently. This is also for safeguarding reasons. Many thanks!

In their Literacy lessons they will listen to poems and fantasy stories and begin to make up their own. They will be encouraged to listen to rhyming words and continue a rhyming string. Our two main story texts are Doodling Daniel and Gregory and the magic line. I will be making lots of links between literacy and art this term. Please continue to support your child with learning their letter sounds and sharing books in their bookbags.

Our number work will focus on recognising all numerals to ten, in and out of order, and say the number that is one more and one less. Some children will be working with numbers to 20. Children will learn about making a good estimate and then check by counting out. They will also begin to combine two amounts to find a total. You can support by encouraging your child to count on and back from any number.

The children will learn about the traditional Nativity story and will learn how other children celebrate Christmas around the world. They will take part in the Christingle service towards the end of term. I hope they enjoy learning some new songs for the end of term Christmas celebration.

In their Information Communication Technology lessons they will learn how to record their voices using a CD player. They will re-tell stories in small groups.

The children will be learning about solids and liquids and make observations and comparisons. Last half of term they were very interested in how lava turns to rock, and I thought we would build on that in our science time. In their creative time they will have opportunities to explore with paint and mix colours. They will use thick and thin paint brushes to make lines.

The focus in PE will be to develop good balance, and they will practise jumping forwards, backwards and side to side. They will learn how to move safely into spaces. On a Thursday afternoon, they will have gymnastics with Mr Robinson in the hall. You can encourage your child to jump over the cracks in the pavement on the way to school!

In their Personal, Social, Emotional lessons they will learn about 'bullying'. I teach the children a bully is someone who does something unkind to you over and over again, and not just once, as this stops them using the term too loosely.

I will continue with the 'smart talking' sessions this half of term. On a Friday, two children in the class will be given a little cloth bag. I would like you to help them find something interesting to put in the bag.

Please send in those 'wow' moment slips if you should catch a good one! Keep reading the school's newsletters as this is going to be a very busy, but hopefully eventful half term!

Best wishes - Mrs Riggs