



Dear Parents/Carers,

I cannot believe we are in Term 5 already; this year is going very quickly! It has been lovely to have some warmer weather, I hope you all had a great Easter break and are ready for the final two terms.

Weekly Overviews & Communication

We will continue to add weekly overviews onto the Google drive, alongside any resources that might be of use at home.

If your child has to self-isolate, then use Tapestry as before, to submit learning.

If your child is not isolating, and is at school, then you can continue to add observations of your child's learning at home through Tapestry.

Focus Book and Phonics

Each term we focus on a fairy-tale story. This term's story is 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff'. We will be creating stick puppets of the characters to re-tell the story and we will be building bridges in our outdoor area to help us act it out.

After this our focus book will be 'The Everywhere Bear' By Julia Donaldson and we will be talking about what we would like to do with the 'Everywhere Bear' if we could take him home for the weekend. We will also be taking our very own 'Everywhere Bear' on an adventure around school and writing our own Somerdale version of the story.

In Phonics we are now concentrating on phase two and learning the sounds 'i, m, n and d' and playing games to help us hear the initial sound in words.

Maths

In our Maths sessions we will be exploring positional language, describing a familiar route, ordering a sequence of events, comparing quantities using the language of 'more' and 'fewer', making comparisons between objects relating to size, length, weight and capacity.

Learn Together

In our Learn Together sessions we will be celebrating Earth Day, International Day of Families and World Day for Cultural Diversity. We will also be focusing on our Ethics and Environment strand by growing seeds, going on a litter pick and learning about how paper is made.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

During discovery time will continue to work on resolving problems and conflicts that occur and trying our best to be a 'Solvosaurus Rex' by thinking of our own solutions. We will also be receiving a letter each week from all the different Achievosaurus, telling us how we get to look after each one.

Hall Time

Every Tuesday and Thursday morning we have the opportunity to go into the hall or outside in the playground. During this time, we play games and practice key skills, such as throwing and catching, balancing and jumping.

Please ensure your child comes to Pre-School in appropriate clothing to join in with all the activities.

This term in our Hall Time sessions, we will be practising our throwing and catching skills and taking part in team building activities.

Understanding the World

This term we will be talking about what plants need to grow and observing the seeds we plant.

We will also be talking about different life cycles, such as the human life cycle, frog and butterfly.

We will have discussions about different occupations and how different people help us.

Expressive Art and Design

Through discovery time we will be developing our knowledge on colour mixing and talking about how we can add detail to our drawings.

By using our music wall in our outdoor area, we are going to follow a pattern to help us read music.

Sun Protection Reminder...

Please ensure your child arrives to Pre-School wearing (if possible) an eight hour sunscreen.

Remember

Please can you name your child's coat/jacket and hat.

If you have any questions, concerns or worries, please let Laura or Cara know and we will always try to help.

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