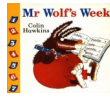


Literacy



Fred Talk



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We will be reading and using a story map to retell our story called 'Mr Wolf's Week', practising saying the days of the week and different types of weather. We will also be reading the story 'One Snowy Night' by Nick Butterworth and focusing on some new vocabulary from it. The words we will focus on are; cosy, miserable, snuggled and shivering. Please talk about these words at home so the children become familiar with them.

In phonics, some of us are now learning special friends - th, sh, ch, qu, ng, nk. We will all be practising oral blending, blending words, writing sounds and spelling words with the sounds we know well. We are all practising writing CVC words, some of us are writing them in phrases with finger spaces.

Maths



This week the children will reinforce the use of the language 'more than', 'fewer than' and 'an equal number' to describe how many objects there are in each set. As the focus this week is on countable things, 'fewer than' is used rather than 'less than' and 'more than' is used rather than 'greater than'. Children work in pairs to compare sets of objects and revise subitizing numbers to 4.

Messages

Topic



We are starting our topic which explores how things are different in Winter, compared to Autumn - seasonal changes. We will explore the different types of weather we have in the winter and compare this to the autumn months. We will focus on the icy weather that we can have in winter and explore what happens to water when it gets very cold - it changes to ice. We will explore what ice looks and feels like and what happens when it gets warm - it melts back to water! We will also think about colours that can show cold and colours that can show warm.



We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year! As we begin the new term, Mrs Griffin is now the teacher for Blue Butterflies.

The children have settled back into school and are working hard on their learning. Most have returned their PE kits but please remember if you have not done so yet, the children will do PE on a Thursday afternoon. They will need a dark pair of shorts and a plain white T-shirt.

The days are cold, so please ensure your child has a warm winter coat, ideally with a hood, a warm hat and gloves. These should all be named. Children need suitable clothing for learning outside in the winter. The children also need a pair of named wellies in school to access the muddy areas of our garden.

The children will be going on a winter walk around the school site over the next few weeks. They will be looking at seasonal changes in the environment and noticing how cold it is. They will make some biscuits and have these, along with some warm 'hot chocolate', when they get back to warm up. Please can you give permission for this via the [online form](#).

How can you help at home?

Some children are still finding oral blending a challenge so please practise this with your child daily. If they can blend 3 sounds then please extend them to 4 to help them progress in their reading. The Fred game links and Oxford Owl activities will help with this. Please practise sounds daily and listen to your child read if they are bringing home words and/or books.

Please share books and read to your child every night if you can. Try and develop a love of reading that will stay with them for the rest of their lives! The children are able to select a school book to bring home, for you to enjoy together. They should return the book each Friday to exchange for a new one.

You can also support your child's Maths learning by undertaking some of the suggested activities from the maths home learning. We will also sometimes send home ideas to support our topic learning.



Our Learning

If you have any comments, concerns or questions, please come and speak to Mrs Kalampaliki, Mrs Griffin or Ms York.
We hope you all have a lovely week!