

Literacy



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We will be using a story map to retell our own version of the story of 'Mr Wolf's Week', practising saying the days of the week and the different types of weather. We will also continue to talk about the story 'One Snowy Night' and the new words we have learned from it. These are; cosy, miserable, snuggled and shivering. Please talk about them at home so the children become familiar with them.

In phonics, many of us are now learning special friends - th, sh, ch, qu, ng, nk. We will all be practising oral blending, reading words, practising 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, we will begin to explore composition by focusing on the preliminary skills: the concept of 'wholes' and 'parts'. By investigating their own bodies and familiar toys they will begin to understand that whole things are often made up of smaller parts and that a whole is, therefore, bigger than its parts, for example, a jigsaw has many parts and when we add them altogether it makes a whole. This will help children to understand the composition of numbers for example $1 + 1 = 2$. The ones are the parts and the two is the whole, etc.

Topic



We are continuing our topic which explores how things are different in Winter, compared to Autumn - seasonal changes, including how the weather is different between the seasons.

We will read a story about Isabella Bird, who was an explorer in the past and compare pictures. We will use colour paints and wax to create our own Winter pictures. We will use a map of our garden and learn how to draw information from a map. We will think about colours that can show cold and colours that can show warm.



Messages

The weather is cold so please ensure your child has a warm coat, ideally with a hood, a pair of wellies, a hat and gloves - all named. Children need suitable clothing for learning outside in the winter.

Most of the children have returned their PE kits to school - thank you! We still have a few that need to be brought to school. Please could these be done by next Thursday.

On PE days, please remember to remove earrings. If they are too new to remove, please could they be taped up. Earrings must be small stud earrings only please.

Please remember to book your parents' evening appointment for next week and don't forget we will soon be having our Winter walk, followed by (warm) hot chocolate and a cookie. This will happen in the next few weeks.

We had a number of children who have not returned their library book, please check and return them as your child cannot borrow a new book if they haven't returned their old one.

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, even when they are reading words. They will be moving to reading 4-sound words and need to be able to orally blend these first. 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 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!