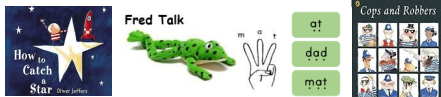


## Literacy



We will be innovating our story map of 'How to Catch a Star' to help us create our own story and we will practise retelling our new story. We will be listening to a new story called 'Cops and Robbers' by Allan and Janet Ahlberg. This is a funny story about some naughty robbers who creep around stealing children's presents! The cops in this story, try to catch these dreadful robbers.

In phonics, many of us are now learning special friends. We will all be practising oral blending, reading green and red words, practising writing sounds and spelling words with the sounds we know well. We are all practising writing CVC words, most of us are writing them in phrases with finger spaces. In handwriting, we are trying to write our letters on a line.

## Maths



In Maths this week we will focus on further developing comparison of quantities, as the children are encouraged to focus exclusively on the numerosity of sets, without being diverted by colour, shape or size. They will then be encouraged to notice when quantities are equal or unequal, and will begin to consider how they can manipulate the number of objects in two sets to make them equal. Language is a key focus and adults will need to reinforce the use of 'more than', 'fewer than' and 'an equal number' to describe how many objects there are in each set. 'Fewer than' is used rather than 'less than', as the focus is on countable things.

## Messages

## Topic



We are continuing our topic about staying healthy, safe and well. This week, we are focusing on healthy eating and drinking. We will learn which foods are healthier for us and which ones we should only have now and again, as a treat.

We need to make healthy choices about what we eat and drink, to give our body the things it needs to stay fit and well. It is very important that we drink water regularly. We will be making our own fruit salad so we must wash our hands before we handle the food. This will clean away any germs that are on our hands.



Last week, we celebrated World Book Day and shared our favourite bedtime books. It is important we listen to stories being read to us regularly so we can develop our comprehension, understanding of language and new vocabulary. Listening to stories also helps us develop a love of books!

The children will be selecting from a range of different fruits to design and make their own fruit salad to eat this week. Please let us know if there are any fruits your child should avoid.

Children need suitable clothing for learning outside in the winter and moving into Spring. The weather is very changeable so please ensure they have a labelled, warm and waterproof coat.

Your child has passwords in their reading folders to access Ten Town and Oxford Owl at home. Please let us know if you are having difficulties. Both of these sites provide some great online support for their class learning.



## How can you help at home?

Please continue to practise oral blending 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, sheets and/or books. Some children will be learning the first six set 2 sounds and these can be trickier. Please continue to practise reading all the sounds they have learned.

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.

Ten Town will give your child access to all the stories and songs they know and a range of activities designed to develop their understanding of numbers.

You can also support your child's Maths learning by undertaking some of the suggested activities from the maths home 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!