

Literacy



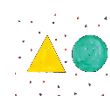
Fred Talk



We will be making a story map for 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' and retelling it with actions. We will also listen to a new story called 'The Rainbow Fish'. This is a story about a beautiful fish who lives in an underwater environment. They are very proud of their rainbow scales but won't share them. They soon become lonely and learn that sharing can make you feel happy.

In phonics, many of us are now learning special friends - th, sh, ch, qu, ng, nk. We will all be practising oral blending, blending 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.

Maths



In Maths, we will identify more or fewer of the same kind of object. We will use the terms, 'more than' and 'fewer than' to describe quantities. We will know that it is the quantity, not colour, size or type of object, that determines if 1 set has more or fewer items than another.

We will use the words 'an equal number' to say when there is the same number of items in 2 sets. We will say when they can see an equal number. We will say days, months and times of day during our morning routines.

Messages

Topic



We are continuing our topic which explores different environments and how these are different to our environment in Winter. We have looked at dry environments, like deserts where it hardly ever rains.

We will be looking at wet environments like oceans, seas and rivers. There are many plants and animals that live in water, like fish, whales and seaweed.

We looked at a globe and some of the oceans like the Atlantic and the Pacific. We will explore things that can float on water and things that sink!



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

Please can you also make sure your child has a named PE kit in school every Friday. This should be a plain white T-shirt and dark shorts. If your child has pierced ears, please can you take their earrings out on a Friday. If they cannot be removed, they should be taped up.

We will be holding our parent meetings just after half term, when Mrs Griffin returns to school. These will be in-person, and you will be able to look at your child's books. Please remember to book your appointment when booking opens on 13th February.

When your child arrives in the morning, they should now be able to put all their things away independently. Some children may need prompting, but please do not do things for them. They need to develop their independence so they can do things for themselves in Year 1 and beyond.

How can you help at home?

Please continue to practise oral blending with your child daily. If they can blend 3 sounds, please extend them to 4 sounds to help them progress in their reading. The Fred game links and 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 or Ms York.**

We hope you all have a lovely week!