

Our half-termly topic

This half-term our topic is 'Journeys'.

We will be reading lots of stories about different transport and journeys, for example, 'The Train Ride', where the little girl visits her family at the seaside. This story inspires the children to share their own experiences about trips to the seaside.

We will also be reading about 'The Gingerbread Man' and the journey he took through the town when running away from the people and animals who wanted to eat him.

We will be reading the stories 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' and 'The Snail and the Whale' and talking to our friends about the journey they all took throughout each story.

Linked to the topic 'Journeys' we will be talking about how we keep safe when we walk near the road and also when we are travelling in a car.

We will be taking a trip to the seaside with our friends! We can't wait!

Our Design and Technology topic this half-term is 'Boats. We will be experimenting with different materials to find out which is the most suitable one to use to make our boats (waterproof). We will be learning about 'floating' and 'sinking' to ensure that, when we do make our boats, that it will float on top of the water and not sink to the bottom!

Our RE theme is 'Special Places'. We will be talking about what makes a place special. We will be looking at and learning about special places such as a Church, a Synagogue and a Mosque.

In our PE sessions, we will be preparing for our upcoming sports day event. We will be learning how to throw and catch, roll and kick balls and throw a javelin.

General Information:

Morning nursery begins at 8:45am. If your child comes to school late and the gates are locked, please take them to the reception office and a member of nursery staff will collect them from there.

The session for part time morning children finishes at 11:45am. Please wait for your child at the nursery gates and a member of staff will send them out to you as soon as they are ready.

Full time children will need a healthy packed lunch (please do not send food with any nut content and grapes and large blueberries will need to be cut in half lengthways) or a school prepared dinner. Please order and pay for your child's food via Parentpay.

Afternoon nursery session begins at 12:30pm – 3:30pm. These children will need to have eaten their lunch at home before the session begins. Please wait at the red school gate (enter from School Street) and a member of staff will collect your child from there.

Nursery finishes at 3:30pm. Please wait at the nursery gates and a member of staff will send

your child out to you. Parents can pick their nursery child up earlier if their siblings are in a class with an earlier finish time (please let staff know if you need to do this).

Please send your child with water in a labelled water bottle for them to access throughout the day. It will be sent home each day to be cleaned and returned the next day.

Nursery library will be held in the school library every 2nd Thursday 8:15am – 8:40am. We hope you can come along, choose a story and read with your child. Children learn so much language from these sessions and reading for pleasure is so important to all of our children. We will email you to remind you of the dates we will be holding these library sessions.

Your child will need a pair of wellies for outdoor playtime. The field can sometimes become quite wet and muddy, yet the children still love to be out there! This will also help keep indoor shoes clean and carpets mud-free!

Please remember, as summer approaches, children will need to come to nursery with appropriate factor sun cream already applied. This should be effective for the full session. Please do not send any sun cream to nursery or leave any in your child's bag. Sunhats are also essential in the warm weather.

As usual, if anyone different is to pick your child up from Nursery, or you are going to be later than expected, please let a member of staff know, or give the school a ring. Also, please could you collect your child promptly at 11:45am or 3:30pm for full time children. Thank you.

How can you help at home?

Ask your child what they have been doing at nursery. Talk to them about what they enjoy doing.

Sing rhymes and songs. Ask them about their favourite songs. Tell them about your favourite songs.

Talk to your child. Ask them questions. Language development is everything at this age!

Read, read, read! Ask questions about the main characters, where the stories are set and what happens in the story.

Count at every opportunity. Show them 'how many' using their fingers.

Encourage them to mark– make every day. Let them draw on the paths using buckets of water and brushes or chinks.

Let them see you writing. Explain what you are writing (give writing a purpose).

Point out letters, numbers and shapes in the environment.

Build up their language through pretend play.

Show them how to use scissors– snipping paper is a good start.

Encourage them to get dressed on their own. Show them how to put tights and socks on.

Show them how to turn their coat sleeves the right way around. Show them how to zip their coat up on their own.

Go on walks. Let them run, climb and balance.

Encourage them to eat a varied diet.

Ensure they know the importance of brushing their teeth twice each day and after meals if possible.

Thank you for your support

From Mrs Pollard and the F1 team