

Our half-termly topic

This half-term our topic is 'Me and my family'.

We will start this half-term by looking at and talking about ourselves. What colour hair do we have? What colour eyes do we have? We will be comparing how we look to how our friends look- do we have the same or different colour hair and eyes?

We will be painting a self-portrait of ourselves and displaying it on our wall.

During circle time we will be telling our friends about our likes and dislikes including food we eat, stories we read and the toys we play with.

We will be talking about our families and who we live with.

We will also be learning about the importance of good hygiene such as washing our hands and brushing our teeth. We will be learning to be independent and putting our own shoes and coats on.

Our art topic this half-term is 'Marvellous Marks'. We will be drawing our pictures with different mark-making equipment such as pencils, felt pens, chalk etc.

Our RE theme is 'Special People'. We will be talking about the special people in our lives and what makes these people special. We will be talking about Jesus and why he too is special.

Our PE topic is 'introduction to PE'. We will be learning how to find a space in the hall, stopping and starting on command, sharing equipment and working independently. We will be learning movement skills such as running, jumping and skipping.

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) 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 a bottle of 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, if the weather is hot, 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.

If the weather is cold please send a warm coat, hat and gloves if necessary.

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