

### **Our half-termly topic**

This half-term our topic is 'Minibeasts'. We will be reading 'Superworm' by Julia Donaldson. Here we will meet the amazing Superworm, the wriggliest, squiggliest superhero in the world! We will be learning about how he saves friends in need, who in turn saves the magnificent superworm from the villain Wizard Lizard. As most of Julia Donaldson's story books do, we will be focussing on the key rhyming words throughout the story.

We will also be reading 'Spinderella' by Julia Donaldson. We will be learning to count with Spinderella as she helps her family play a game of football.

Our focus story this half-term is 'What the ladybird heard', again by the amazing Julia Donaldson. The story will follow the quiet little ladybird as, with the help of friends, she saves the prize cow from Hefty Hugh and Lanky Len. This story has lots of repetition and rhyme, a perfect combination for young children.

Our RE theme is 'Stories?' We will be reading lots of different stories such as 'The Hare and the Tortoise', 'The Lost Sheep' and 'The Gold-giving Serpent', asking the question- What can we learn from stories?

During our art sessions we will be learning all about 'Sculptures'. Using the skills we have developed during playdough activities, we will be exploring clay and using clay to make simple models. We will be using different words to describe the texture of the clay such as 'smooth' and 'slippery'.

Our PE activities will focus on 'games'. We will be learning how to play 'Red Light Green Light' 'The Sheriff is Coming!' and 'Digging for Gold'

### **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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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!

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.

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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