

Our Half-termly Topic

This half-term our topic is 'Toys'.

Our focus story this half-term is 'Robot dog'. We will read this story several times, helping the children recognise the title and blurb. We will also be learning about the main characters and where the story is set. We will predict what will happen next until we are familiar with the story.

Alongside our main text we will also be reading lots of stories linked to different toys. We will be reading 'The Everywhere Bear', 'Kippers Toy box', 'Toys in space' and 'Lost in the toy museum'.

We will be telling our friends all about the toys we have at home, which ones are our favourite and why.

We will be looking at some old toys and talking about how they are similar or different from the toys we play with today.

Our RE theme is 'being special: where do we belong?' We will be talking about our family and telling our friends why they are special. We will be talking about how Christians welcome a new baby into their family and how some of these babies may be baptised. We will also be talking about other religions and how they might celebrate being special.

Our Art topic is 'Painting and mixed media'. We will begin by investigating different coloured paints. The children will have the opportunity to paint anything of their choosing. We will also be finger painting, painting with coloured water outdoors (on the ground) and will be painting for a purpose when we do our display of 'Our Favourite Toys'. During this topic we will also be making collages, exploring mixed media and making patterns and art using loose parts.

In PE we will be learning about 'gymnastics'. We will be learning basic gymnastic skills through the topic of animals and their habitats, exploring and creating shapes, balances and jumps. The children will be copying, creating, remembering and repeating a short movement sequence.

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 they will be brought into nursery by a member of the office staff.

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.

The 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 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!

If the weather is cold please send a warm coat, hat and gloves if necessary. If it is hot a sun hat is essential. Sun cream should not be brought into nursery. Appropriate factor sun cream should be applied at home instead.

Please remember to sign up to ClassDojo to see what we have been doing in nursery.

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 chalks. 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