

Our topic this half term is 'Opposites'

We hope you had a lovely Christmas break and may we take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy New Year!

This half term children will take part in a range of fun activities based on our new topic of 'opposites.' Weekly topics will cover hot and cold, big and small, light and dark and stories with clear links to focus areas will be shared: 'Lost and Found' 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and 'Owl Babies.' Weekly topics such as 'hot and cold' will tie in nicely to our current season and children will explore natural processes such as melting ice and discovering what is hiding inside! This would be an ideal opportunity to visit the school library in search of other topic related books.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

In Foundation Stage we spend a lot of time encouraging the children to think about the different feelings they have.

This half term we will be focusing on 'Relationships'

Last term children were thinking about getting along with their peers thinking of familiar scenarios that they could relate to. Now children will be thinking more about relationships and what they involve. Children will be reminded of their manners and appropriate times to use "please" and "thank you" and will be introduced to "your welcome."

Communication and Language/ Literacy

This half term we will be focusing on:

- Uses language to recreate roles from familiar stories
- Developing understanding of simple concepts
- Learning new sounds and words through phonics
- Describing story settings, events and characters
- Building up vocabulary based on our new topic and the stories that will be shared
- Recognises familiar words and signs such as own name and advertising logos.

Mathematics: Numbers/ Shape, space and Measure

This half term we will be focusing on:

- Counting and recognising numbers
- Counting out a given number of objects
- Finding the total of items in two groups (FS2)
- Beginning to use vocabulary involved in addition (FS2)
- Recognising and describing 2D and 3D shapes
- Concepts and vocabulary of measure such as length and height

Reminders

- Please ensure that your child has their book bag in school on their specified reading day (FS2).
- Please ensure that your child comes to school with a warm coat with a hood as they will access the outdoor area each day.
- Please ensure that your child has their PE kit in school each week.
- Please ensure that your child has a spare set of clothes in school at all times.

How can you help?

- Introduce lots of opportunities to share stories with your child - perhaps visit the school library more often.
- Please read with your child and practise their sight words each day - it also important that you leave feedback in your child's learning log (FS2).
- Encourage your child to be more independent e.g. putting on and zipping up their own coat, getting themselves dressed, cutting their own food at mealtimes etc.
- To be aware of number and shape in your everyday environment that could help to develop skills further.

If you have any questions please come and see a member of the foundation team. We are always happy to help if we can.

