

Fairfields Primary School

Spring 2018 Letter to all parents with children in Foundation Stage

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year to you all! We have another fun packed term ahead of us with lots more interesting learning.

As you are aware we do not specifically teach topics in Foundation Stage, however during this term we will learn about spring and Easter, as well as continuing to include the children's interests in our planning. Please feel free to pop into the classroom at the beginning of the day when you drop your child off or at the end of the day when the children have gone home to look at our learning journey board located in FS2. This will show you examples of our current learning.

Read, Write, Inc



We will continue to learn letter sounds through the RWI scheme we use in school. A big focus will be on forming the letters correctly and using them in our writing. We teach pre-cursive writing in order to give children a head start when starting year 1. Some children will begin to blend sounds together to help them with their reading and writing.

Numeracy



There will also be time given to think about numbers, ordering numbers correctly and continuing to count larger groups of objects reliably, adding and taking away. Other areas of numeracy we will cover will include naming and describing 2D and 3D shapes, measure, repeating patterns, time and money.

Physical Education

The PE will cover indoor gymnastics (**Friday**). We cannot stress enough how important it is for your child to have their PE kit in school all week. Indoor kit comprises of black shorts and a white t-shirt. Children can become distressed if they have to borrow kit from the school. We would like to remind you that, in the interests of safety, earrings must be removed or covered during PE lessons and long hair must be tied back.

To allow off site activities to take place it is essential that we have a sufficient number of adults to help us, so if you are willing to help on any of our trips (however big or small) please make yourself known. You will need to have a school DBS clearance before you are able to help. If this interests you, please go to the office and Anne will let you know how to go about it.

Helping your child at home

Below are some ideas for games and activities to use at home:

- Playing 'I spy' at home, in the garden or when you are out for a walk will help your child hear sounds in words
- Doing puzzles together, talking about the pictures you create will help improve your child's vocabulary - checking if you have the correct number of pieces before you start is a good way to practise counting
- Playing dominoes, snakes and ladders, snap and any pairs games is good for your child's maths and memory
- Creating birthday cards, using scissors and glue will help improve your child's fine motor skills
- Making up songs and silly rhymes together will help your child to hear alliteration and rhyme

- Share books together, you can read the words and your child can talk about the pictures and the characters
- Draw pictures and write about places you have been, things you have seen, people you know etc.
- Count everyday objects e.g. cars that pass you on the street, how many dogs you see on a walk, children you see in the supermarket. What if two more children came along, how many would there be then?
- Make games together and play them e.g. your own themed dominoes or snakes and ladders type games
- Set challenges e.g. by the end of the day can you show me 10 different ways of moving from one side of the garden to the other
- Have a number/letter hunt - hide letters or numbers around the house/garden
- Get a clipboard and do an audit - estimating and counting - how many lights do you think are in our house? How many are there? (count and check)
- Write shopping lists/diaries of your day/letters and cards together.

To support your child's growing independence:

- Please ensure your child brings his/her own belongings into FS in the mornings and puts them away themselves
- Encourage your children to dress, undress and be able to zip/button up their own coats
- Help your children to use a knife and fork independently at mealtimes
- Involve your children in household chores, such as, tidying their bedrooms and helping with the washing-up

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Topic Words - Spring Term

centimetres

longer/ shorter

more/less

lighter/ heavier

days of the week (in order)

months of the year (in order)

o'clock

minutes/ seconds/ hours

tomorrow/ yesterday

before/ after

next to/ on top/ under/ above/ below/ beside/ in front/ behind

melting/ ice/ frozen/ snow

soil/ sun/ seed/ flower/ growing/ plant/ water

numbers 0-30 (no ceiling)

1 more/ 1 less

seasons - winter / spring

weather - related to clothes you might wear

healthy and unhealthy food

similarities and differences between people and places