

Foundation Newsletter

Autumn Term 2 2018 People who help us and Celebrations



Welcome back! We hope everyone has had a lovely break and has returned eager to start our new topic. Now that the children have settled in we would like you to encourage your child to come into the classroom **independently** and be responsible for their own book bag, coat and lunch box.

What is an emergency? Why do they wear that uniform? What do they use the equipment for? For the first four weeks of the term we will be exploring these questions and more in our topic about people who help us.

We will be finding out about different occupations, how to be safe on the road and where we can go for help.

For the last three weeks of the term we will be learning about and comparing different celebrations around the world.

In **Maths** we will be looking at patterns, talking about the properties of shapes, estimating, adding and subtracting and solving simple problems.

In **Literacy** lessons we will be writing for different purposes e.g. labels, lists, thank you cards, letters, invitations and designing a reward poster.

In the other areas of the Foundation curriculum we will be looking at:

Personal, Social and Emotional– celebrating differences by looking at how we are special, what we are good at, friendships and families.

Communication and Language– speaking and listening games, rhyme, asking relevant questions to our guests and following simple instructions.

Physical– showing good control in large and small movements, handling tools and malleable materials safely.

Understanding the World- different occupations, talking about past and present events, sharing and discussing celebrations and experiences.

Expressive Art and Design- the sounds of different instruments and experimenting with ways of changing them.

The **tasks** for home learning are as follows and will be sent home each week for the children to complete at home:

Week 1– Write on a star something your child has achieved to be celebrated and displayed in class.

Week 2– Talk to your child about different people who help them and what they do.

Week 3– Nativity words sent home to practise.

Week 4– Phonics activity sent home

Week 5- Maths game sent home to play with the family.

Week 6– Bring in an object/photo that represents Christmas in your family to share with the class.

All of the home learning tasks are optional, however we do value the children's extra work, which we will share weekly and display during the topic.

Books to read at home:

The Very Helpful Hedgehog by Rosie Wellesley, People Who Help Us series by Rebecca Hunter, Topsy and Tim series, Hairy MaClary-Rumpus At The Vet by Lynley Dodd

Nativity: A Wiggly Nativity

This term we will be practising our Nativity which we will perform on **Friday 7th December at 9.30am**. Before half term your child had a letter with their part and costume detailed, if you have any questions please speak to a member of the Foundation team.

Events in school:

- Over the next four weeks we will have different adults in the classroom to talk to the children about their occupation and how they help people.
- Christmas Party
- Walk to the Post-Box to post our letters
- Book Fair **15th -20th November**
- FOCH Christmas Fete **1st December**

Reminders:

- Your child's sound book for phonics needs to be in their book bag every **Thursday** to receive the new sounds.
- Please when you read with your child at home can you fill out their reading diary so that we can change their book regularly.
- We visit the school library on **Thursday**.
- Our PE days are **Tuesday** and **Thursday**.