



Phonics and Reading



Your child was re-assessed just before Christmas and will continue to access daily phonics sessions which are matched to their current phonics knowledge and skills. These targeted groups ensure maximum progress is made throughout the year.

If your child has changed their phonics group you will receive a letter this week outlining which group your child is now in, and which reading material or activities will be sent home each week for you to practise at home.

Please ensure that these reading materials, or phonics resources, are in your child's zippy pack every day so that we can be flexible in when we read with your child.

PE



This Half Term our PE sessions are as follows:

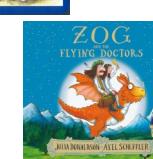
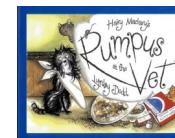
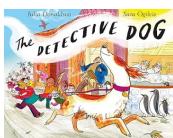
- Mondays—Dance—focus on choosing actions to music.
- Thursdays—Gymnastics — focus on shapes and travelling on the floor and apparatus.

Write Stuff



This half term we will be teaching the children how to put their interesting word ideas into short sentences when writing.

These are the books we will be using:



Our topic this half term is: **People who help us**



Topic learning

Over the coming weeks, we will be learning about how different Emergency Services and other people such as doctors, dentists and vets help us in the community. We will look at their job roles, the equipment they use and the vehicles they drive.

We will also spend a week learning about Chinese New Year, finding out about the similarities and differences between English and Chinese cultures and celebrations.

Can you help us?



Do you work for the fire service? We are sadly unable to have a fire engine and crew visit us this year (new guidelines), but if you are a fire fighter and can help us in a personal capacity with a visit we'd love to hear from you!

Do you work in healthcare as a paramedic, doctor, dentist or a nurse? If so, would you be able to spare an hour to come in to talk to the children about your job?

Please speak to your child's teacher if you are able to help.

Maths



This half term we will spend a week learning about mass and capacity.

In number, we will continue to focus on 1 to 5, developing the children's recall of facts linked to each number and their relationship to one another. We will then use Numberblocks to support our teaching as we meet 6, 7 and 8. We will be introducing the concepts of odd and even numbers, and doubles.

RE



In RE during the first week of this term we will be looking at the theme of 'Jesus as a storyteller.'

We will start by looking at stories which have a moral or something we can learn from such as Aesop's Fables, and then read the parables from the New Testament.

Want to help at home?

- Read fiction books with your child with 'People Who Help Us' as the main characters.
- Look at pictures of these people and focus on describing the features of their uniform, equipment or vehicles.
- Read non-fiction books about 'People Who Help Us' and encourage your child to answer questions and explain what they have found out.

Library Books



We are unfortunately having many books returned to us in a very poor condition. Please can we ask that books are not kept in school bags all week to minimise damage to corners, and that you ensure they are kept dry and clean at home while on loan to your child. Thank you.