



Foundation Stage 1 Class Newsletter...

From Mrs Roberts



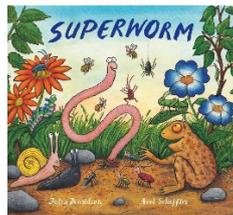
Monday 21st May 2018

Dear Parents/carers

What are we learning about this week?

This week we will finish our topic 'Incy Wincy Spider'.

We will talk about everything we have learnt about different kinds of minibeasts and celebrate our work in our minibeast display. We have one last minibeast to focus on this week...worms! We will read the story 'Superworm' and make our own worm pictures to add to our minibeast display.



Phonics

The children have now completed the set of Jolly Phonics sounds. We sing them and practice them daily and the children remember them well. We will now begin blending and segmenting the sounds we have learnt to help the children say, hear and read simple VC and CVC words (e.g an, can, it, mum, cat)

We will continue 'Jolly Phonics' and practice the sounds 's', 'a', 't', 'i', 'p', 'n', 'c', 'k', 'e', 'h', 'r', 'm', 'd', 'g', 'o', 'u', 'l', 'f', 'b', 'j', 'v', 'w', 'x', 'y', 'z', 'q', 'ch' and 'sh' but we will also introduce 'th' this week. We will sing the rhymes and do the actions and talk about things that begin with each sound. We will continue to play games around these sounds and play about with rhyming words.

Attached to this letter is a Jolly Phonics sheet for the children to practice singing the rhyme and practice writing the sound. This can be kept at home and is not homework for handing in. Please ask the children to sing the rhymes for you at home and teach you the actions. Talk about things they can think of or find that begin with that letter sound. This will be the last sound that we introduce to the children. We will now focus on making sure the children can confidently recognise and use each sound.





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Writing

We are now beginning to focus on correct letter formation. Many of the children can now write their name and other letter sounds and we need these children to be making sure they are correctly holding their pencil and forming their letters correctly. The Jolly Phonics sheets that we send home are good to use as a model for correctly forming their letters. It is important to start doing this now otherwise the children will struggle with their handwriting in the future. We will be practicing this at school so any practice you can do at home would be wonderful.

Handwriting sheets

As we are focussing on handwriting as a school, I thought the children would like to practice some letter formation over half term. I have attached some patterns and letters for the children to practice then keep at home...they do not need to return them to Nursery. Please help your child to correctly hold their pencil and form the letters correctly, starting in the correct place and moving in the correct direction. A lot of children are able to write letters but they do not always write them correctly.



Maths

The children will do daily counting at Nursery and will be surrounded by shape, space and number. To help your child at home, please count as often as you can, maybe up or down the stairs or as you are putting sweets into a bowl. Look at numbers around you, maybe your house number, number on cards or numbers in the shops. Please do the same with shapes and colours. Look around you and talk about what you can see. This will all help towards your child's knowledge of number and shape. By the end of Nursery we would expect the children to recognise numbers at least to 10, be able to count to 10 and beyond, talk about numbers that are 1 more or 1 less and name basic shapes.

Please also help your child to learn to write numbers. The children are showing a real interest in writing numbers but many write them the wrong way round so this is something that you could practice at home.





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Snack Money

Thank you to those who have paid for this half term. I have sent out a reminder slip to some parents who haven't paid. I will send out a new letter about snack for next half term when we return after the holidays.



Library Books

Please feel free to borrow a book from our library book box. Please just write the date next to your child's name on the list above.

Sunny Weather

As the weather starts to turn warmer, please could you remember to send a hat with your child as they will be playing outside. We are not able to apply suncream so I would recommend a suncream that you apply once a day and this is done before school, especially if your child is in school all day.

Please could I remind you that the children can bring a drink of **water** in a named water bottle and not juice if they would like a drink during a warm day.

Named clothing

We have had a lot of cardigans and jumpers lately that have had no name in and it has been very difficult to figure out what belongs to who. Please could we ask that you make sure you write their name in everything, especially as the weather is turning warmer and the children are more likely to take their cardigans and jumpers off.

Please remember that we break up on Friday 25th May at 2.50pm and return to Nursery on Monday 4th June. Have a lovely half term. ☺

If you have any questions about anything at Nursery please do not hesitate to come and speak to us.

Thank you
Mrs Roberts, Mrs Moore, Mrs Wilkinson & Mrs Broadhead