**How to Help Your Child at Home**

Year One Spring Term 2022

Introduction / Messages

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children will learn about animals including humans for the first half term and most of our reading and English work will be linked to this theme. In the second half term our topic will be ‘Proud to be from Bradford’ with a focus on Lidget Green.

We have a creative approach to learning and these topics will span across all curriculum areas. Below, we have provided a brief overview of the learning that your child will engage in over the Spring term. We hope you find this both useful and informative.

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| **Curriculum Area** | **Focus for learning** | **How you can help at home** |
| **English** | **Speaking and Listening:**  To develop speaking and listening, children have a variety of classroom and independent activities. Children will be given the opportunity to develop their confidence when speaking to an audience about different topics.  **Reading and Writing:**  We will be using stories, poems and other texts both fiction and non-fiction as basis for our teaching in order to engage the children and provide them with a language rich curriculum. | ☺ Talk to your child at home and model good conversational skills such as listening, taking turns and speaking in full sentences.  ☺ Ask your child what they have learned at school each day.  ☺ Listen to your child read daily and share books together.  ☺ Log your child’s reading at home in their reading record.  ☺ Please ensure your child brings their book bag to school daily with all reading books in. |
| **Phon** **ics**Image result for phonics | The use of phonics (knowledge about letters and their sounds) is really important in order to help your child to develop early reading and writing skills. We teach and learn phonics every day. We will also be learning to recognise some ‘tricky’ words. The children will be tested on their Phonics skills this year and you will receive information about this shortly. There will be a phonics meeting during the Spring term to support parents in understanding how phonics is taught and ways you can help at home. More information to follow. | ☺ Chant the alphabet to learn the letter names  ☺ Please ensure your child knows how to form all the upper- and lower-case letters of the alphabet using the school cursive handwriting font (below, and in their homework book).  Practise reading phonics book every day. |
| a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o p q r s t u v w x y z | | |
| **Maths**  Image result for maths b&w | This term we will be looking at basic addition, subtraction, multiplication and division skills. We will continue to develop knowledge of the 2, 10 and 5 times tables this term. The children will also learn about the simple properties of 2D and 3D shapes. | ☺ Help your child to recognise the numbers 0 to 100 and spot numbers when you are out and about.  ☺ Help your child to form and order numbers.  ☺ Help your child by counting in 2s, 5s and 10s with them. |
| Microscope 20clipart | Clipart library - Free Clipart ImagesRelated image**Science** | Our Science topic this half term will be animals including humans. The children will learn all about the human body and identify and name a variety of animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals. In Spring Two the children will learn all about plants. They will identify and name a variety of common, wild and garden plants. The children will learn about the basic structure of plants. | ☺Talk about different types of animals with your child.  ☺ Talk to your child about different types of plants and what plants need to grow. |
| **R.E.** | We will be learning about special books including the old testament, the Qu’ran and the Torah. The children will learn key teachings and stories including; Moses as a baby and a prophet, Joseph and his coat of many colours and Daniel and the Lion’s Den. | ☺ Make your child aware of differences and similarities between different religions and cultures and explain how we must learn to respect each other. |
| **Image result for fitness clip art b&wP.E.** | This term the children will be exploring the different ways that we can move, balance, sequence, throw and catch, both indoors and outdoors. The children will learn how to take part in team games; our focus this term is dodgeball. | ☺Encourage your child to explore new ways of balancing and ‘travelling’, such as hopping or skipping. |
| **Topic**  Image result for scissors clipart b&w -zoneRelated imageImage result for hammer clipart b&w -zoneImage result for painting clipart b&w -zoneImage result for history  clipart b&w -zone | **History and Geography:**  This half term we will be learning about ‘David Attenborough’ as a significant person in history.  In Spring Two the children will learn about Bradford with a focus on Lidget Green and how it has changed over time.  The children will learn about using maps focusing on the local area and school.  **Art and Music**  We will be using different media to explore shades and tones of colours and will create 2D and 3D works of art related to our Science work on animals and water habitats.  In music we will be singing songs and exploring sounds related to our work about animals. | ☺ Talk to the children about historical events that have happened around the world.  ☺ Talk to the children about significant people in their life.  ☺ Research some of the events we are learning about in school to help them on their learning journey.  ☺ Encourage your child to look carefully at animals or pictures of animals. Can you tell where they live just by how they look? Can they draw the animal and add details? |
| **Computing** | We will be teaching children how to log on to different devices independently; they will be learning the importance of passwords and how they must keep their passwords private. | ☺ Talk to your child about internet safety and about the importance of keeping information secure. |