

'Ice Planet' and 'Chinese New Year'

We begin this term with the topic 'Ice Planet', combining two of the children's favourite things; the film 'Frozen' and Superheroes.

Later in the term our topic will change to 'Chinese New Year' where the children will learn about the history of this celebration and get a chance to experience food from a local Chinese Restaurant.

In Foundation Stage the curriculum may change direction at any time as we are led by the children's interests. These guidelines are broad and whilst learning intentions will stay the same, activities may vary.

Please note that Foundation Stage will continue to do PE on Wednesdays. PE kit should be in school every day and earrings need to be removed on this day.

Please remember to listen to your child read regularly at home and sign the Reading Ramble at least three times a week. In addition to this, we ask that you regularly look at your child's number and 'tricky word' flashcards. Thank you to all of the parents/carers and children who are regularly doing this!

We would also like to thank the parents/carers who have been keeping us informed of children's learning and achievements at home. Parent/Carer contributions are a valuable part of children's Learning Journeys as they enable staff to gain a better understanding of children and their abilities and interests. We welcome photos and information about what your child has been doing outside of school to be sent to the following email address:

parentshare@spaldingparish.lincs.sch.uk

The FS2 Team

Prime Areas of Learning

Communication and Language

- Children will continue to develop their questioning skills when taking part in regular Circle Times.
- They will take part in discussions during weekly small group Guided Reading and daily whole class story times.
- Children will develop narrative language whilst playing at our indoor and outdoor role play areas which this term will include a takeaway Coffee Shop, a Magical Winter Wonderland and a Chinese Takeaway.
- Children will begin to attend Collective Worship this term where they will be given opportunities to develop their listening skills.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- Children will have a weekly SEAL (Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning) session following the theme 'Going for Goals'.
- Children will think about the things they have achieved in their lives so far and begin to think about setting their own personal goals.
- Children will learn about Chinese New Year and will be encouraged to celebrate cultural differences.

Physical Development

- Children will take part in a weekly PE session.
- Activities will be planned to support children's fine motor skills and encourage the use of a 'pincer grip' when holding a pencil.
- Children will take part in a weekly handwriting session where they will learn how to correctly form the letters of the alphabet in accordance with the school's Handwriting Policy.
- They will also have daily opportunities to practise writing numbers and their full name.

Specific Areas of Learning

Literacy

- Children will continue to work through Phase 3 of 'Letters and Sounds' where they will learn more 'digraphs'. This is where two letters make one sound, for example 'ai'. They will be learning to read and write 'tricky' words such as 'was' and 'she'.
- Children will develop their descriptive language when discussing and labelling their favourite Superhero and Frozen characters.
- Children will learn about the story of how the Chinese Years got their names.
- Children will have opportunities for writing during their play. For example, taking orders and writing menus in the Coffee Shop.

Mathematics

- Children will be learning to recognise and order numbers up to and beyond 20.
- Children will be practising finding one more and one less of a given number.
- There will be a greater focus on calculation this term. Children will learn the symbols for add, take away and equals and be given opportunities to solve practical problems. Children will be looking at how a number line can be used to support their Mathematics.

Understanding the World

- Children will develop their observational, questioning and investigative skills when exploring ice.
- Children will have opportunities to prepare food and taste a range of food in school when we have a Chinese buffet delivered to school.
- Children will have opportunities to use a range of technological devices in school to support their early understanding of computing.

Expressive Arts and Design

- Children will be creating snow pictures using a range of media including paint, collage and chalk.
- Children will learn how to fold paper to make Chinese lanterns and dragons.
- Children will experiment with movement and music when creating a Chinese Dragon Dance.