

FS2 Term 2 2019

'Wriggle, Wiggle, Jiggle' and Christmas!

We have an action packed and exciting few weeks planned in FS2 this term. The planned Reptile Life Workshop will kick-start our topic 'Wriggle, Wiggle, Jiggle' where our children will explore and discuss the features of the animals they meet. Towards the end of term our focus will be Christmas. Children will learn the Christmas story, complete a range of craft activities and take part in their first school nativity.

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 children in Foundation Stage will do PE every Wednesday. PE kit should be in school every day and earrings need to be removed on a Wednesday.

Please remember to listen to your child read regularly at home and sign the Reading Ramble three times a week. Also, remember to complete the weekly Ramble Challenge. Thank you to all of the parents and children who are regularly doing this!

I'd 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. Children also love to share their experiences with their peers. We welcome photos and information about what your child has been doing outside of school to be sent to:

parentshare@spaldingparish.lincs.sch.uk

Prime Areas of Learning

Communication and Language

Children will hear and discuss a range of traditional stories including the birth of Jesus.

They will develop storytelling language whilst playing in our role play areas. Role play opportunities will include a vets surgery and a Post Office.

Children will learn and perform a range of rhymes when we celebrate 'National Nursery Rhyme' Week.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Children will have a weekly SEAL (Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning) session following the theme 'Getting On and Falling Out'.

Children will be encouraged to celebrate diversity when discussing how Christians celebrate Christmas and comparing this to how Hindus celebrate Diwali.

Physical Development

Children will continue to take part in a weekly PE session and in 'Activate' twice a day.

**children are expected to attempt to change independently for PE. Please encourage this at home.*

There will be a focus on name writing. Children will be given daily opportunities to practise forming the letters in their name.

Children will be encouraged to correctly form letters according to the school's Handwriting Policy.

Specific Areas of Learning

Literacy

Children will continue to work through Phase 2 of 'Letters and Sounds' through the use of 'Jolly Phonics' to learn individual letter sounds (phonemes). Some children will begin Phase 3 this term where they will learn some 'digraphs'. This is where two letters make one sound, for example 'ee' and 'ch'.

Children will be encouraged to apply their Phonic skills when attempting to read and write short sentences.

Children will be writing about the Christmas story.

Mathematics

The focus this term will be on numbers to 10.

Children will be encouraged to 'master' each number and the programme Numberblocks will be used to support their understanding.

Children will learn to find and recall one more and one less.

Children will be learning to name and describe the 2D shapes; triangle, rectangle, square and circle.

Some children will be introduced the symbols '+', '-' and '='.

Understanding the World

Children will have the opportunity to observe and handle a range of creatures during the Animal Workshop.

They will discuss family customs and routines.

They will learn of similarities and differences between themselves and among families and communities.

Expressive Arts and Design

The children will learn and perform a range of songs and dances for our Christmas nativity production.

They will take part in Christmas craft activities.