



Family Unit Newsletter



Welcome back to the final half-term. The children have changed so much over the year and we look forward to spending the final seven weeks continuing to support their development.

Our topic this half-term is **People who help us**. This will include looking at people who help us in our local community, such as nurses, doctors, police, fire-fighters and vets. We would love to have visitors from any of these professions or other people who help us. Please let us know if you are able to help in any way, as it would be fantastic if you could visit to talk to the children about your job.

To support us in developing the children's understanding, we will be using a range of books, such as Fireman Sam, Mog and the Vet and Cops and Robbers by Janet & Allan Ahlberg. If you have any favourite stories linked to our topic that your child would like to share, please send them in.

Our nursery children will have increasingly structured **phonics** sessions and will therefore be bringing home worksheets which relate to the sounds they have learnt. It is not necessary to return these to school, but it will help your child get a head-start for their Reception year if the sounds are reinforced at home, supporting them to embed what they have learnt.

In **maths** we will continue to concentrate on reciting numbers to ten and representing these in various ways. We will also be focusing on one to one correspondence counting, so that the children are saying one number name for each item. Our 'space, shape and measures' activities will include looking at 2D shapes in the environment, using shapes in our creative activities and shape bingo. We will also be using lots of practical activities to assist children with their understanding of positional language and the language of weight and capacity.





Support at home

We hope that all children will develop a love of reading. If possible, please help to support this at home by reading to your child every night. We would encourage you to make use of our class library to borrow from our great selection of fiction and non-fiction books.

Confidence in recognising and using numbers is very important for children's progression. Daily practice of counting, number recognition and adding things in the world around them will ensure your child is successful in gaining this confidence.

Reminders

- Please make sure that your child arrives at school with sun cream applied. If sun cream is brought to school, we can only assist the children by placing the cream into their hands for them to apply themselves. A hat would also help to ensure they are protected effectively from the sun.
- Please help your child to learn to put on their coat and shoes to support growing independence.
- Pushchairs **MUST** be left outside the classroom during morning drop off.
- Please can we remind you that only water is allowed in water bottles; juice may be brought as part of your child's packed lunch.

Dates for your diary

22 June – Parents PE open morning
24 June – Games Day
25 July – Last day of term

