

Family Unit Newsletter

Autumn 2



It's the most wonderful time of the year!

OUR TOPIC- This half term we are immersing ourselves in the world of Julia Donaldson and her fantastic collection of stories.

Your Support

This half term we have a focus on securing the childrens basic maths knowledge. Here are some ideas to demonstrate how you can help.

NURSERY CHILDREN

Numbers

- Make a train shed with numbers on so that I can match my trains into the shed with the same number on.
- Put numbers on a skittles game made from plastic bottles. Ask me what number was on the bottle I knocked down.

Shape, space and measure

- Let me build from cardboard boxes or wooden bricks. Use words like "long" or "tall" to describe my model.
- Go on a shape walk inside or outside to find things which are the same like "circles" or "spheres".

RECEPTION CHILDREN

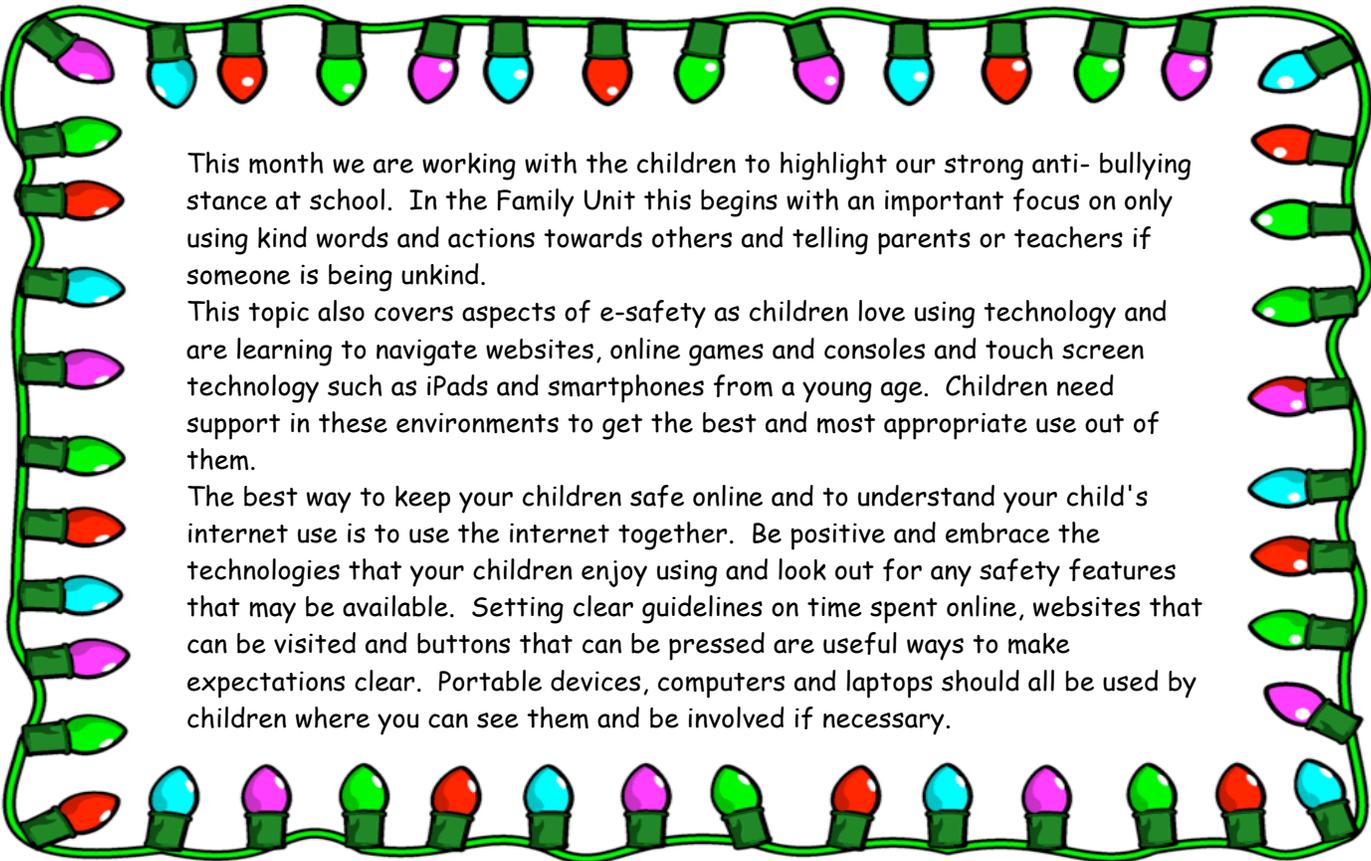
Numbers

- Plan a picnic with me and let me decide how many sandwiches and bananas we will need.
- Make a number line with me using birthday cards.
- Play number snap or bingo with numbers that we've cut out of a magazine.
- Sing number songs where I have to count backwards like "Five Little Ducks" or "Ten Fat Sausages".

Shape, space and measure

- Let me sort out the pairs of shoes so that they go from small to big.
- Let me make patterns with buttons or lids, like "big, small, big".
- Let me give you instructions for an obstacle course, like "Go under the blanket", "Go through the tunnel" and "Go behind the chair".





This month we are working with the children to highlight our strong anti-bullying stance at school. In the Family Unit this begins with an important focus on only using kind words and actions towards others and telling parents or teachers if someone is being unkind.

This topic also covers aspects of e-safety as children love using technology and are learning to navigate websites, online games and consoles and touch screen technology such as iPads and smartphones from a young age. Children need support in these environments to get the best and most appropriate use out of them.

The best way to keep your children safe online and to understand your child's internet use is to use the internet together. Be positive and embrace the technologies that your children enjoy using and look out for any safety features that may be available. Setting clear guidelines on time spent online, websites that can be visited and buttons that can be pressed are useful ways to make expectations clear. Portable devices, computers and laptops should all be used by children where you can see them and be involved if necessary.

A few reminders

- Homework for F2's this half term will be from their phonics sessions and be issued once or twice a week.
- Please send your child in a warm waterproof coat everyday. As the weather gets colder they will need hats and gloves. **PLEASE LABEL EVERY ARTICLE OF CLOTHING CLEARLY.**
- Please help your child learn to put their own coats on to support their growing independence.
- We would like to ask that all prams and pushchairs are left outside the classroom, underneath the canopy during the drop off period in the morning to ease congestion and stop the floor getting wet and slippery first thing in the morning.
- Please can we remind you that only water is allowed in water bottles, but juice can be brought as part of your child's packed lunch. Please also remember that we do not allow chocolate bars in packed lunches.

Dates for your diary!

November

18th Open morning for parents 9.30-10.30am

December

10th Christmas Musical Celebration

15th Family Unit Nativity Performances

17th Christingle Carol Service at St. Mary's
and Christmas dinner

18th Child of Achievement assembly

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS



PE KITS

Please leave your child's PE kit in school all week so that they are able to participate in all sessions.