



Home Learning In P1 March and April



Physical Development

We will be learning how to jump for height and distance. The children will be practising taking off with both feet leaving the ground at the same time, swinging their arms forward and up and landing on both feet at the same time with bent knees and ankles.

We will also be using a range of equipment to develop the skill of catching. The children will be practising their catching using different sized balls and scarves. Help your child by reminding them to; make sure their feet are in line with the ball, keep their eyes on the ball and reach their hands out to meet the ball.

Numeracy

We will be focusing on counting and making sets of 8, 9 & 10. Oral counting forwards to 30. We will also begin to partition numbers and talk about what we have found, e.g. 5 is the same as 3 and 2. Encourage your children to use this language at home when they are counting as part of their play.

We will continue our work on weight - encourage your child to handle objects and describe them as heavy/light, heavier than and lighter than.

Money – We will focus on recognition of 1p, 2p, 5p and 10p coins. Encourage your child to handle and notice differences in coins. Talk to your child about why we need money and how we use money.

The World Around Us

Our new topic is “Who lives in a House Like This”. Please talk to your child about any new buildings that you see when you are out and about. We will be looking at different types of buildings and homes in our local area, talking about the materials used to build and safety when building. We will be thinking about how the local estate agent can help us to buy and sell houses. Talk to your children about the rooms in their house and the features both inside and outside. If you are thinking of any home improvements or DIY over the Easter holidays, let your child see the tools you are using!!!

Literacy

Keep up the great work with your child's reading, they are showing so much enjoyment during shared reading time and are so proud of their new reading skills! Remember to spend 10 to 15 minutes daily reading with your child. Keep revising key words in wordbook as these require constant reinforcement to ensure your child retains them as part of their sight vocabulary. Our Big Book focus will be on various retellings of The Three Little Pigs. We will work on jumbled sentences. **Try writing out a sentence from your child's reading book, cutting it up and letting them put it back together again.**

Phonics

Children are learning how to sound and blend simple words, e.g. cat. Encourage your child to try to do this when they meet a word such as this. Encourage them to change the initial letter to generate rhyming words e.g. dog, log, fog, bog. Our new letters and sounds for these months are; x, q, w, y and z.

Writing

We are learning that writing is a means of recording our thoughts and spoken words. We are encouraging the children to write simple sentences that they have spoken first. Try this at home with your child and encourage them to use their key words in their word book as a spelling aid.

The Arts

We will be singing songs and saying rhymes relating to our topic and expressing our creativity through a variety of art activities. We will be making houses using old cereal boxes, please don't throw these out, hold on to these at home and we will let you know when to send them in to school.



REMINDERS

St. Patrick's Day holiday:
School Closed Monday 19th March
Easter holidays begin 12 o'clock on
Wed 28th March. School reopens,
Thursday 12th April.

Useful web sites: A great site for maths games for your child is www.topmarks.co.uk. The children have enjoyed using the coins game in class. www.oxfordowl is a fantastic website for reading and numeracy, you can log on as a parent and it is full of tips and advice as well as great books.