

Dear Parents/ Carers,

We hope you all had a lovely break and are excited for the new term ahead!

A few things about our learning this term...

Teaching and Learning

Our teaching and learning focus will be play-based to provide the learning environment in which children within the Early Years Foundation Stage require.

Our topic this term will be '**Dreams and Memories**' where we will be exploring what children dream of, their future aspirations and some life skills such as road safety, and first aid. Later in the term we will focus on the children's memories of past holidays, the seaside, significant events and play experiences.

Within our curriculum we will promote children's curiosity, critical thinking, imagination, creativity, language and vocabulary skills, and memory and concentration.

We will continue to develop the children's knowledge and skills to support them in attaining their end of year expectations known as the Early Learning Goals.

Learning Guarantees

This term we will:

- Investigate floating and sinking
- Use the internet (safely) to explore land and sea
- Make a fruit rocket kebab
- Learn and practise simple first aid
- Participate in shadow drawing inspired by the artist Kara Walker
- Create a dream catcher

Phonics

The main focus for the children this term will be Phase 4 phonics.

Your child will continue to take part in a daily Little Wandle lesson to develop their phonic understanding. Your child will be supported to blend and segment sounds to aid their reading and writing.

Literacy

- Demonstrate understanding of what has been read to them by retelling stories and narratives using their own words and recently introduced vocabulary.
- Anticipate (where appropriate) key events in stories.
- Use and understand recently introduced vocabulary during discussions about stories, non-fiction, rhymes and poems and during role play.
- Say a sound for each letter in the alphabet and at least 10 digraphs.
- Read words consistent with their phonic knowledge by sound-blending.
- Read aloud simple sentences and books that are consistent with their phonic knowledge, including some common exception words.
- Write recognisable letters, most of which are correctly formed.
- Spell words by identifying sounds in them and representing the sounds with a letter or letters.
- Write simple phrases and sentences that can be read by others.

Reading

Your child will read an e-book matched to their phonic awareness from the online library website (see your child's reading record for details) A 'reading for pleasure' book will also be brought home. Please record when you have read either book in your child's reading record. Both books will be changed regularly. Please ensure their 'reading for pleasure' book is in your child's bag each day.

We suggest you read with your child at least five times a week. Other books/comics read at home can also be recorded in the reading record.

In school we will continue to listen to your child read individually and as part of a group.

Maths

- Have a deep understanding of number to 10, including the composition of each number.
- Subitise (recognise quantities without counting) up to 5.
- Automatically recall (without reference to rhymes, counting or other aids) number bonds up to 5 (including subtraction facts) and some number bonds to 10, including double facts.
- Verbally count beyond 20, recognising the pattern of the counting system.
- Compare quantities up to 10 in different contexts, recognising when one quantity is greater than, less than or the same as the other quantity.
- Explore and represent patterns within numbers up to 10, including evens and odds, double facts and how quantities can be distributed equally.

General notices

JEWELLERY

No jewellery, apart from stud earrings may be worn. All jewellery **MUST** be removed on PE or SWIMMING days as Health and Safety Regulations forbid the wearing of jewellery during physical activities.

INDEPENDENCE

Please continue to support your child to get themselves dressed independently. This will give them confidence for changing themselves during their swimming lesson.

PE

Our PE day is on a Monday, please ensure your child comes to school dressed in their PE kit.

SWIMMING - is on a Thursday

The children will be swimming in groups of 10. Your child will require a swimming costume (1 piece), swimming shorts, swimming hat and towel. They will also need flip flops or crocs (plastic slip-on shoes). Everything must be named and placed in a named waterproof bag.

Science

This term we will be observing natural processes, space, and exploring the concept of sinking and floating.

We will be developing our scientific enquiry skills through predicting, observing, and questioning what we are exploring.

Homework

Education City homework will be set on a Friday and is expected to be completed by the following Friday. Your child's login will be in their reading record.

We will also be sending home a homework grid with a variety of activities and tasks that can be completed. Please ensure your child completes no more than one activity every week.

HOT WEATHER

Now that the weather is turning warmer, could all children come to school wearing sun cream. We would ask for a sun cream (clearly labelled) to be kept in their bookbags so that it can be reapplied during the day. Children should also bring in a sun hat.

UNIFORM

Please ensure that your child's entire clothing, including sunhats and equipment are named. This makes it easier to locate items when they have been mislaid.

DROP-IN TIMES

I am available after school daily to discuss any small matters concerning your child, though if you would like a more detailed discussion, it may be beneficial to book a time to meet, through the school office.

KEY DATES

Monday 1st May: May Day

Monday 8th May: King's Coronation Bank Holiday

29th April - 2nd May: Half Term

Thursday 20th July: Last day at school