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Coming up next week...26/4/2021

We are looking forward to seeing you all for parents' evening this week. Please can we remind you appointments are 10 minutes long so please can you make sure you are logged in at the correct time.

Learning in school:

Topic: Minibeasts and Growing

This next half term we will be learning about a variety of minibeasts. We will be looking at similarities and differences between them and where we find them.

This week our focus is 'Who's been eating my leaf?' We will be reading the story *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle. We will be introducing the text as a shared reading task and will be modelling to the children how we can use the pictures to decode unfamiliar words. The children will also be writing their own versions of the hungry caterpillar. We will be working on verbally forming a sentence first and then writing the complete sentences, using our sounds and trying to remember finger spaces and a full stop.

In science, we will be sorting food into healthy and unhealthy food. We will be teaching the children how it is good to have a balanced diet; eating lots of healthy food and eating less unhealthy food to stay fit and healthy. In technology we will be recapping how to use Mini Mash.

We will ventilate the classrooms all day and spend as much time as possible outside, so please make sure your child has appropriate clothing/ sunscreen applied for sunny days.

Home learning (for children self-isolating):

- Read 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' by Eric Carle if you don't have a copy of this book there are lots of animated versions on YouTube. Just remember to check the clip before playing it to your child.
- Write your own version of 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. What else could the caterpillar eat?

- Sort the food in your kitchen into healthy and unhealthy food.
- Explore Mini Mash; you will find the topic pin 'Minibeasts' pinned to the homepage.

Phonics:

This week in school, we will be recapping the digraphs: sh, ch, th and ng with a focus on spelling words with these sounds in.

Home learning (for children self-isolating):

You are able to re-watch the governments' clips for the sounds sh, ch, th and ng under the spring term tab <https://lettersandsounds.org.uk/for-home/reception>.

Alternatively, you can watch the summer clips and practise some of the other phase 3 sounds we have learnt.

Maths:

In maths, we will be learning the number 12 and will be introducing the children to the vocabulary 'whole' and 'parts'. We will be linking this to addition and number bonds e.g. 3 and 2 makes 5, 5 is the whole and 3 and 2 are the parts.

Home learning (for children self-isolating):

- Watch the Numberblocks episode 12
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m0002674/numberblocks-series-3-twelve?seriesId=b0bls7vy>
- Can your child cut some fruit up into parts? How many parts are there?
- Can you use some dominoes to add the two amounts together?

Additional notes and reminders

Homework

From next week, we will be electronically sending out handwriting worksheets for the children to practise. These will need to be printed off and added to your child's homework folders. If you do not have a printer and need a copy printed for you then please email your class teacher to arrange this.

Just a reminder that during this time the children should not be bringing into school anything other than their reading books in their school book bags. While sun cream is allowed, as long as the child is able to apply it themselves, no other creams/ lip products etc. are allowed.

Please can we have any junk modelling resources such as small boxes, tubes, plastic punnets etc. As we need to quarantine these before use.

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Please note that as the week progresses it is sometimes necessary to change what is planned to meet the learning needs of the children and therefore changes to the above may occur.