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Coming up Next Week...13/05/2024

***Thank you for the paper donations we have received already.
Any further donations will be much appreciated!***

The weather is warming up and the children are taking off their jumpers and cardigans. Please can you make sure these are named so they can be returned to your child if left somewhere other than their peg.

Also, as the children have the opportunity to spend a lot of time outside during the day, please apply suncream before they come to school and send them in with a named hat.

Learning in school:

Topic: Let's explore our planet

This half term we will be learning about our planet. We will be looking at our local environment, and then comparing, and contrasting our local environment with other countries.

This week we will be continuing our learning about Australia. We will be looking at Australian animals and thinking about the sounds they make and the environments they live in. We will be reading the book Blossum Possum, based on the story of Chicken Licken (please don't tell the children as we would them to make the connection!) and using this to base our writing on.

We will be comparing Australia with Antarctica, thinking about the similarities and differences between their landscapes, climate and wildlife.

Phonics:

This week we will be focusing on reading words with the endings -ing, -ed and -est. The new tricky words we will be learning are out and today.

Maths:

This week in maths we are focusing on 2D shapes. The children will be spotting the odd one out in a group of 2D shapes and explaining why this one is the odd one out. We will also be looking at 2D shape rotation and understanding that a shape is still the same shape when it is rotated. We will be reading the stories 'Which One Doesn't Belong?' and 'Big Box of Shapes'.

Additional notes and reminders

Boats: next week we are making boats as part of our waterproof/floating and sinking topic. If you have any plastic containers without holes eg yogurt pots, margarine containers, fruit pots etc, please send them in.

Writing Homework

The children are continuing to receive sound sheets and a writing focus activity each week.

To support your child with their writing activity, please first ask your child to orally tell you a sentence about the picture. When you have orally rehearsed the sentence a few times, ask your child to write it down. Remind them to use capital letters, full stops and finger spaces. Please encourage them to sound out phonetically plausible words rather than giving them the spelling.

Please don't worry if your child is not yet writing sentences, we are working on this at school. Building their confidence is the best way to start so using their sounds and letter formation would be our focus for now.

Speak to your class teacher if you have any concerns or questions.



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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.