



Buds Class

Summer Term 1 2018

Our topic for this term is People who help us. We would love any parents or family members, who do a job that helps people in the community, to visit Buds class and talk to the children about their role. We will be learning about people who help us at school, in the local community, in an emergency situation and in everyday life. The children will learn about keeping themselves and others safe as part of this topic.

Maths

Over the term we will be focusing on counting back, addition and subtraction of one digit numbers, doubling, 2D shapes, money and time. We will also continue with a number of the week as well as recognising numbers to 20. Please encourage your child to count objects at home and in the environment as well as finding one more and one less for numbers to 20.

English

Over the first two weeks we have a poetry and rhyme focus. We will be looking at a book called 'So Much' by Trish Cooke and thinking about our families. We will also be reading and learning some poems and rhymes. Later in the term we will read 'The Jolly Postman', 'Hairy McClary's rumpus at the vets' and 'The Very Helpful Hedgehog' by Rosie Wellesley. The children will look at information books in more detail and think about how they are useful when researching a topic. We will continue with our daily phonics lessons. Please continue to help your child practise their sounds at home by looking at the flashcards and encouraging your child to complete the weekly homework task where they can practise writing each new sound. Library books continue to be changed every Monday. Please make sure that your child has their book bag in school every day.

Physical Development

At the start of every day we will continue to practise fine motor skills by writing first names and surnames onto whiteboards, using play-dough to add features to pictures, threading laces through cards and completing jigsaw puzzles. We will regularly be making use of the bikes and trikes outside, as well as the trim trail and our lovely outdoor space. The children will be practising jumping, hopping, stretching and copying movements as well as throwing, catching and Write Dance activities.

Expressive arts and crafts

The children will continue to have opportunities to use different tools, materials and paint. We will be encouraging the children to design and make emergency vehicles as well as paint and collage different people who help us at home, in school and in the community.

Achievement Tree

A reminder that we have class 'Achievement Tree'. It has been lovely to add some children's achievements to the tree over the last term. We would welcome contributions of achievement leaves from home. When your child achieves something new please write the achievement on the leaf, remembering to put your child's name and the date. Then send the leaf into school so that it can be hung on the tree. We do celebrate with the children as a class when each new leaf appears.

Parent contributions

Please continue to send your child with a water bottle every day for use in the classroom. Also, even if the weather gets warmer, please send your child to school with a coat and they will be out on the playground even in the drizzle. We would like every child to have a sunhat or cap that can be left in school for the whole of the Summer term.

We would be very grateful for any donations of dressing up clothes/objects for the emergency services as well as toy animals which can be cared for in the Veterinary Hospital.

Dentist and Hospital Day

The children will be having a Dentist and Hospital Day on Wednesday 9th May. We are lucky that people from each profession are able to come into school to talk to the children and give some advice on keeping themselves safe and healthy.

Advanced notice

We are hoping to invite dads or grandads to a Father's Day Breakfast on Tuesday 19th June. We will provide more information nearer the time but please keep the date available.

Finally we hope you can make the Open Book session after school on Monday 23rd April.

Mrs Stevens and Mrs Saheed