



Kirklevington Primary School
Acorn Newsletter Spring Term 2021

Happy New Year, everyone! We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and wish you all the best for 2021. We hope you are all safe and well and are managing with the situation that we have found ourselves in once again.

Our topics for this term are:
'Magical Potions' and 'Bears'

Communication, Language and Literacy

This half term our topic will be based on the theme 'Magical Potions'. We will be focusing on a variety of stories including Meg and Mog, Room on the Broom and Winnie the Witch. We will have lots of fun making up spells and creating marvellous potions.

Next half term, our topic is 'Bears'. The children will role play the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears and We're Going on a Bear Hunt. We will listen to lots of stories about bears - if your child has a favourite bear story then please let us know and we will share it at story time.

In our Letter and Sounds sessions the children will be thinking about body and voice sounds. We will be encouraging them to listen and identify different sounds. You could help by asking your child to make sounds using different parts of their body - clapping, stamping, tapping etc. You could also encourage them to make different sounds with their voices - loud, quiet, fast, slow, angry, posh etc.

Mathematics

In our numeracy sessions we will be thinking about positional language and practicing our number recognition and counting skills. You could help by promoting the language of positions by encouraging your child to find the object in front of them, behind them, next to them or above them. Play hide and seek with them - this is a fun way of reinforcing positional language. You could also encourage your child to count objects from a larger group. For example, ask them to count 3 biscuits from a packet or 5 building bricks from a tub.

Home Learning

I hope you find the home learning activities easy to access and fun to do with your child. As much as possible, the activities being posted on Tapestry reflect the learning opportunities being provided for those children who are attending nursery. Please just complete what you can and remember your child is learning all the time through their play.

Other information

This half term on Friday mornings the children will be participating in dance sessions. The children will need to take off their socks and shoes for these sessions. Please could you assist the nursery staff by sending your child to school in shoes they can take off and put on independently? If girls could wear leggings or trousers rather than tights that would also be helpful.

With the cold weather upon us lots of children are coming to school wearing hats, scarves and gloves. Could we please request that you name these items? Also in order to encourage independence children tend to find it a lot easier to put on a pair of mittens rather than gloves.

Thank you for your help with the home/school challenges- the children really seem to be enjoying these. I also hope you are enjoying receiving the Tapestry emails. Your comments and photos are much appreciated.

Please could I remind you that children **should not** bring their own toys to school? These toys often get lost or even broken causing the children to become upset. We have lots of things for them to play with so please could they leave their own toys at home.

I hope you find this information useful and if there are any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me on Tapestry or for more confidential matters via telephone.

Thank you for your continuing support

Mrs Irvine
Mrs Begley

