

Supporting Your Child's Learning At Home

Your child's learning journey does not stop at the end of the school day. There are so many ways in which your child will learn to develop their knowledge and skills outside of school with your help and support. Detailed below are some ways in which you can help your child to embed the skills learnt in school.

Reading

Please continue to read with your child every day, marking in their reading record what they have read and how they are doing. Please ensure that your child's reading book and record is handed in each Friday.

Phonics

This term the children are starting to learn their letter sounds through 'Jolly Phonics' in Nursery. Please support your child in their learning by talking about the sounds letters make rather than their names i.e. not 'ay -bee -cee' 'a-b-c' A video demonstrating these sounds is available on You Tube from the following address: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3LD7m3luv0Y>

Maths

The best way to learn about maths is in a practical way. Our focus this term is on counting and the link between numerals and quantity. Please support your child to count anything and everything around them. This might be real things e.g. strawberries in their bowl, or actions e.g. how many steps from the house to the car or how many jumps they can do in a row.

Independence

The children are becoming more independent each day. Please help your child with these skills ensuring that they are able to put on their own coats, hats, scarfs, gloves and shoes. Please ensure all items of clothing are named so they can tell if something is theirs.

Oakgrove Primary and Nursery

Spring Term Newsletter

Nursery



Important Information

Dates : **Week Beginning 18th February Half Term - School Closed**

Tuesday 26th March - Parents Evening 4-6pm

Thursday 28th March - Parents Evening 5-8pm

Friday 29th March - Parents Evening 9.30am - 11.30am

Monday 8th April - Monday 22nd April Easter Holidays

Tuesday 23rd April - School Opens for Summer Term

PE days:

Each week we will be visiting the hall for PE on a Tuesday or Wednesday please ensure that your child is wearing appropriate clothes and shoes and socks they can take off and put on independently.

Reading Records and letters

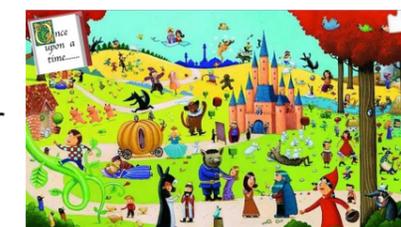
Please continue to check your child's drawer on a daily basis as all letters to go home will be in there. Please also continue to place reading records in the box on a Friday so that I can have a look and see the reading the children are doing at home.

Themes This Term

Our theme in the first half term is Space and we will be exploring a range of space related activities, including a space station role play area, a foot rocket in the garden and lots of space related stories including 'Aliens love Underpants' and 'Whatever Next!'.



In the second half term our theme is Traditional Tales. We will be making porridge for the three bears in our mud kitchen and building houses for the three little pigs from different materials. We will also be using the stories to talk about feelings and the people who can help us. For example: 'The Three Bears' feeling sad that their porridge has been eaten or the 'Three Little Pigs' phoning the police when the wolf is trying to blow down their house.



Phonics

This term, the children will be starting to learn their letter sounds and shapes through our daily jolly phonics sessions. We will be practising listening out for these sounds in the words we say e.g. your name begins with an 'o' or can you guess this word from it's sounds 'c-a-t'.

Physical Development

We will continue to support the children to gain skills in both their gross and fine motor skills. For gross motor activities we will be practising activities to increase control over an object in pushing, patting, throwing, catching or kicking it. We will be playing lots of games with balls and bean bags. We will also be talking about how physical activity changes our body.

For fine motor skill development we will be supporting the children to gain hand strength through a variety of activities such as using pegs posting picking up small objects. Enabling the children to gain the strength and coordination in their hands ready for becoming fantastic writers.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This term we will be continuing to send our travelling ted, 'Scruffy' the dog, to visit the children at home. Scruffy will come home with the stars of the week (two children per week) and we will ask you to take some photos or write in Scruffy's book about his time with your child. This will give the children an opportunity to describe themselves in positive terms and talk about abilities, adventures and life outside of school.

Through our traditional tales role play in our second half term the children will also be talking about feelings, what it is like to be frightened and what makes them feel happier and safe.

Communication and Language

We will use mobile phones, talking tubes and string telephones to give friends instructions and directions on the space station. Through group discussions, the children will be encouraged to question why things happen and give explanations. The children will be further developing their listening skills during circle time and when they follow instructions we give to carry out their helping tasks effectively.



Literacy

In the first half term we will listen to and participate in reading a wide variety of books about space, including fiction and non-fiction texts. Small groups of children will create their own space stories using puppets and props.

In the second half term we will be exploring a range of traditional tales and practising retelling and sequencing these familiar stories.

Expressive Arts and Design

The children will be exploring imaginative role play opportunities around both the space and traditional tales topics.

The children will also be helping the aliens to mix and make different colours. We will be painting moon pictures with different textures of paint and making some alien antennas.

We will be learning some new songs related to our traditional tales e.g. 'When goldilocks went to the house of the bears'.

Understanding the World

During our space topic we will watch videos from Google Earth and Cbeebies stargazing.

The children will be exploring simple computer programs related to our topic and talking about using computers to find information.

During our traditional tales topic we will be talking about 'people who help us' and the different jobs that they do.

Maths

Our focus in maths this term is number and counting. We will be encouraging the children to count one item at a time making sure that they are forming a strong connection between number and a quantity. During the space topic we will be counting rockets that are ready to blast off into space and how many twinkling stars there are in a row as well as singing '5 Little Men in a Flying Saucer'.

During our traditional tales topic we will count how many teeth in Mr Wolf's mouth and play 'What's the time Mr Wolf?' counting our foot steps.