



Early Years Curriculum Newsletter



Welcome back and we hope you all had a lovely Christmas break and enjoyed all the festivities. We have a very exciting and busy Spring term which we are sure the children will enjoy.

For the first half of the Spring term we are exploring the topic 'Music and Sounds.'

We will be exploring our voices and body percussion, using and moving our bodies in different ways to create sounds. Each week we will be exploring a range of instruments to find out how they work. Songs and stories with rhythmic patterns will be used to explore rhythm and beat. We look forward to exploring a range of instruments in class and dancing to different types of music.

During the second half term our topic will be 'On the Farm'.

Building on from our previous topic we will explore all the different sounds that can be heard on the farm. We will be working on identifying different types of farm animals and matching them. This topic will allow us to explore texture and sensory experiences such as messy play with mud and hay. Towards the end of term we will watch and care for eggs that will hatch into ducks/chicks and we will look forward to a visit from the mobile farm where we will be able to see some farm animals up close.

Communication and Language As always, we will be sharing books with the pupils in different ways and exploring different books according to topics and individual interests. Sharing books allows us to develop attention and language skills. We will be working on identifying environmental sounds as well as exploring speech sounds alongside using Makaton and PECS to develop communication.

Pupils will be supported to develop their understanding of following instructions during routine tasks and situations. They will be involved in activities where they will be encouraged to comment about what they see, and hear using words, symbols and objects.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development Pupils will be encouraged and supported to develop self-help skills during every opportunity to develop independence. This includes using every day opportunities such as preparing to go outside and during snack and meal times.

We will be supporting pupils to make their own choices and begin to be more confident in expressing their individual preferences in appropriate ways. The pupils will take part in many different play experiences to help develop their interest in a range of toys.

Fun with Food This term we will be continuing our weekly sensory food exploration sessions where the pupils will explore a range of different food types using their senses. The children will be supported to taste new foods, touch them and smell them. They will also be helping to prepare their snacks and pour their own drinks.

This term your child will need-

- Spare Clothes
- Warm Outdoor Clothes
- Wellies
- Waterproof trousers/clothing
- Nappies and wipes (if required)



Contact Arrangements-

Please make full use of your child's home/school diary. We read them every day when we write in them and will contact you if necessary. Unless urgent—this will usually happen at lunch time.

Sickness-

Please telephone in and let us know if your child is going to be off sick before 8:30am. If your child is off sick with sickness and diarrhoea please do NOT send them back to school for at least 72 hours after their last bout.

Please follow the current COVID 19 guidance and keep your child at home if they are symptomatic.

Toy Donations

Thank you to the parents that have donated unwanted toys to us recently. We are always happy and grateful to accept any donations of toys and books!



Parents Evening

Parents Evening will take place after the Half Term break.

This will be an opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher. Further details will follow.



Nappies and Wipes

If your child wears nappies, please could you provide a pack of wipes when you send in nappies. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Learning at Home

If your child is staying at home due to Covid-19 there will be activities available on our website for you, if you wish to access them.

<http://www.lindonbennettschool.co.uk/parents/learning-at-home/>