






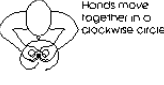


Our Learning Newsletter: Spring 2

 <h3 style="text-align: center;">My Communication</h3> 	 <h3 style="text-align: center;">My Cognition</h3> 
<p style="text-align: center;">In school we are learning:</p> <p>About the siege of Troy through a sensory story. The children will be making choices about preferred activities to do with the story and learning some key symbols for reading too.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Home learning opportunities:</p> <p>Re-enact parts of the story through play, e.g. building walls with bricks and knocking them down, playing with toy boats in water. Listen to Greek music and look at Greek places to set the scene.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">In school we are learning:</p> <p>All about positions and directions. The children will be exploring positional language through a sensory story 'Bug's Trip'. Then they will be directing each other to look for bugs and hidden toys on a bug/toy hunt!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Home learning opportunities:</p> <p>Play hide and seek at home, you could use a favourite toy or teddy, can your child find the toy by looking, pointing, moving towards it? Try hiding it in different positions, e.g. under, in, on, behind a box, door, etc.</p>
 <h3 style="text-align: center;">My Body</h3> 	 <h3 style="text-align: center;">My Community</h3> 
<p style="text-align: center;">In school we are learning:</p> <p>About timbre and movement to music through dance. We are exploring different sounds of instruments and are focusing our learning on the music 'The Carnival of Animals', by Camille Saint-Saens. We are exploring how we can move our bodies to the music and how it makes us feel.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Home learning opportunities:</p> <p>Explore listening to the Carnival of Animals at home: El Carnaval de los animales - Camille Saint-Saëns (youtube.com) or different songs that your children enjoy.</p> <p>Try some body massage whilst listening to the music or playing instruments alongside. Can they play them in different ways, e.g. bang, shake, scrape.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">In school we are learning:</p> <p>All about the friends and adults in our class. We will be singing songs and playing circle games that focus the children at looking at themselves and each other, so that they begin to recognise similarities and differences between them, such as names, faces, interests. We will be encouraging choice making, who they would like to sit next to, play with, if they would like a turn. We will be encouraging the children to vocalise, gesture, look at photos or use their switch device to indicate this.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Home learning opportunities:</p> <p>Sing songs/read stories/play games together and encourage your child to indicate if they want more by pausing during the song/story/game and waiting for vocalising/gesturing from your child before continuing.</p>



My Care and Independence



PSHE



In school we are learning:

How to help others and be organised! We will be exploring different household chores that they can help do and looking at organising what equipment they will need to carry out the task. The children will also be continuing to focus on becoming more independent with their personal care needs, where possible.

Home learning opportunities:

Encourage your child to help at home by helping you do simple chores like, putting the rubbish in the bin, dusting, washing up. If you have any photos of them doing this it would be lovely if you could send them in or email them!

In school we are learning:

All about our family and friends. We will be exploring how we all come from different types of families, looking at similarities and difference between us. We will also explore our friends in our class through games and songs, making choices about who are friends are.

Home learning opportunities:

Look at photos of your friends/family at home together. If you have any photos of your family/friends to email me or send in that would be great as we are going to make a display of them in class to share with each other.



Discovery Days



In our discovery days we will be focussing on humanities, science, RE and creative subjects.

For our RE this term we are learning about:

Easter! Focusing on why Christians celebrate Easter and looking at the theme of love.

Home learning opportunities:

Explore printing Easter eggs by using potatoes cut in half and dipping them in paint, you could make edible paint using yogurt and food colouring. Go on an egg hunt and explore directions and looking for hidden objects to include some maths learning!

Useful Websites/Apps

Some of these may require login information. Please speak to your class teacher or child's key worker for details.

<https://www.helpkidzlearn.com/>

[Sensology and Sensory Packs | Ty Gwyn Special School \(tygwynschool.com\)](https://www.tygywynschool.com/)

[Sensology | The Bridge Special School \(thebridgeschool.co.uk\)](https://www.thebridgeschool.co.uk/)

<https://www.storymassage.co.uk/sensory-stories-children-pmld/>

Class Reminders

Swimming will be on a Monday, there is a rota, but if you have spare kit then it would be great if you could send it in, just in case a spare slot opens up.