

Our Learning Newsletter: Spring 2

 <h3>My Communication</h3> 	 <h3>My Cognition</h3> 
<p>In school we are learning: A sensory story of the Three Little Pigs, with puffs of air and the textures of their homes. Continuing pre-conversational and turn-taking skills in Intensive Interaction, and parallel play with other children. Using their communication method to make choices.</p> <p>Home learning opportunities: Watch the Three Little Pigs story together – you could get sensory materials for the key parts e.g. straw, sticks etc. Give opportunities for your child to make choices and continue regular Intensive Interaction sessions.</p>	<p>In school we are learning: To cause an effect using a switch or touch screen, focusing on playing familiar songs and videos on the computer. Extending the length of attention, and making requests for their favourite parts to be repeated, during Shared Attention.</p> <p>Home learning opportunities: Try out the SEN Switcher simple games (see Useful Websites), or search for 'cause and effect touchscreen games' you can play at home together.</p>
 <h3>My Body</h3> 	 <h3>My Community</h3> 
<p>In school we are learning: Creative: Messy art focusing on making purposeful marks on a surface with either hands or a pen, brush etc. Gymnastics: making shapes with our bodies.</p> <p>Home learning opportunities: Any mark-making is great – it can just be messy with hands e.g. paint, shaving foam, sand, grains, anything! Children can also explore using a brush, pen, stick, spoon... again, anything! Practice the gymnastics shapes (see video).</p>	<p>In school we are learning: Viewing videos and listening to the audio of their families, where we are looking for differing reactions and preferences. We are also spending time calling out the names of the adults and children in class, and looking at their photos, to really build up that sense of community.</p> <p>Home learning opportunities: Take time to explore the sense of self and community by looking at photos and videos of your child and the family with them.</p>
 <h3>My Care and Independence</h3> 	 <h3>PSHE</h3> 
<p>In school we are learning: Kitchen skills! By exploring ingredients of simple foods (porridge and pancakes) through touch, taste, mixing and pouring – as well as being supported to wash up, wipe the tables and put things in the bin!</p> <p>Home learning opportunities: Have fun exploring the skills of cooking and food prep – you don't have to make anything edible, it could just be with ingredients or even something like salt dough.</p>	<p>In school we are learning: Drugs and Medicines: we will be looking out how to be active and keep our bodies healthy, as well as the 'people who help us' such as role playing doctors or dentists.</p> <p>Home learning opportunities: Model the language of what is healthy to do, eat, drink etc and make an effort to get active. Watch programmes and songs about doctors.</p>



Discovery Days



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

This term we are learning about:

The concept of 'being brave' in RE as we act out the story of Vaisakhi (Sikhism).

Navigating our way to the Forest School area and exploring the signs of spring for our Science and Geography.

Home learning opportunities:

Get out in the garden or to some woodland to play with the leaves, twigs, flowers, grass, and look and listen for the signs of nature. This might also tie into 'being brave' if you do some independent exploring!

Useful Websites/Apps

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

Intensive Interaction <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rYpzZExCdHc>

Three Little Pigs read-along <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s1ijoh0vpWw>

SEN Switcher <https://www.ianbean.co.uk/sen-switcher/>

Mark-making ideas <https://kinder-harmony.com/2020/01/27/pre-writing-mark-making-ideas-for-early-years/>

<https://playofthewild.com/2021/01/24/eyfs-mark-making-ideas-activities-that-help-children/>

Basic gymnastics shapes <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RDWICVb7Aac>

Class Reminders

Please, if you have not done so, send a 10 second video of one or both parents/carers saying "Hi CHILD'S NAME it's MUM / DAD etc" and then any quick message you like – to purple@cedarschool.co.uk.

If you have any questions, need further information or want to share information, please use the following email to contact the class team on the same email address.

Swimming: we are taking two children per half-term (on a Monday morning this half-term only), and will contact you ahead of your child's turn.