













Our Learning Newsletter: Summer 2

 <h3>Communication and Language</h3> 	 <h3>Physical Development</h3> 
<p>In school we are learning: To say hello using signs and words, picking out a person from a choice of two or more.</p> <p>Home learning opportunities: Can you encourage your child to say 'hello' using the Makaton sign and / or their voice? Can you look at photos of special people and practise saying their names together?</p>	<p>In school we are learning: To feed ourselves using cutlery. To dance to the beat of the music, imitating movements.</p> <p>Home learning opportunities: Listen to nursery rhymes together (see list) and practise the signs and actions together. Can your child help with jobs around eating? (wiping the table, feeling the cutlery ect?)</p>
 <h3>Personal, Social and Emotional Development</h3> 	 <h3>Understanding the World</h3> 
<p>In school we are learning: To understand basic words around emotions such as 'happy' and 'sad'. Can you learn the Makaton signs for Happy and Sad with your child?</p> <p>Home learning opportunities: Can you watch YouTube videos together showing Makaton signs for Happy and Sad? Can you practise these during times when your child is clearly feeling either happy or sad?</p>	<p>In school we are learning: To explore the natural environment – especially this term looking for animals! We are playing with water, pouring, dripping, and paddling.</p> <p>Home learning opportunities: Can you go outside and look for small creatures? Encourage water play with your child using different containers to pour and sponges to squeeze.</p>
 <h3>Literacy</h3> 	 <h3>Mathematics</h3> 
<p>In school we are learning: To make marks on lots of different surfaces such as sand and gloop, and we are reading the 'ELMER' stories, using sensory props. We are learning different phase 1 phonics songs and rhymes and clapping our hands along to them.</p> <p>Home learning opportunities: Can you listen to or read the story 'ELMER'? Can you pretend to be elephants together, and learn the makaton sign?</p>	<p>In school we are learning: To count to 5 or 10 using blocks, pebbles, leaves etc. We are noticing numerals in the environment around us. We are learning to use Inset puzzles.</p> <p>We are exploring the space around us and engaging with position and direction, such as pointing to where they would like to go.</p> <p>Home learning opportunities: Can you help point out numbers when you go to the shops and out for a walk? Can you help your child with an inset puzzle?</p>



Expressive Arts and Design



In school we are learning:

To make sounds using various musical instruments, including the piano. We are being imaginative and expressive by creating the sounds of different animals we hear. We are combining colours using paint, and getting our hands into sand, glue and gloop.

Home learning opportunities:

Can you help your child to make gloop using cornflour and water? Encourage them to put their hands in and mix it. Add colour (paint) or cocoa powder. Then show them how to swirl their hands to make marks.

Play favourite songs at home, dancing together and singing and clapping!

Useful Websites/Apps

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

Mr Tumble's Makaton - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=flXsU4V0zz>

Singing Hands website – Fantastic songs for children all incorporating Makaton Signing

BBC Teach – Tiny Happy People – to help you develop your child's communication skills through simple interaction and play.

BBC Teach Nursery Rhymes – We use lots of these in class daily.

Phonics Play.co.uk – Phase One Interactive Resources

Purple Mash computing website

Class Reminders

Please ensure that you have sent in sun cream for your child (and a hat if they will tolerate it!)

Swimming will take place on Thursday mornings until 20th June 2025.

We will let you know the day before, although sometimes things can change on the day due to the pool being closed occasionally or staffing issues!

Please do upload to **TAPESTRY** any photos of your child completing any of these activities, and / or your child having fun!