

Huntspill Community Federation



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Dear Parents,

This term our topic is 'Our World'. The children will be busy doing various activities to help us get to know each other better and explore the world in which we live. We will be talking about where we live and the children will be encouraged to learn their address, please help them with this at home too. Below is an overview of what we will be looking at in each subject area.

Science	Ourselves, seasonal changes.
Geography	Around the world.
History	Our family and explorers.
Art and D/T	Cookery, collage, printing and clay.
Music	Songs and rhymes. Musical instruments.
Computing	E safety, computer skills and technology in our lives.
PE	Gymnastics and dance
RE	Who are we? Christian stories. Harvest Festival.
PSHE	Aesops Tales. Road Safety and fire safety.

Reception parents

In school, the children will be starting to learn their letter sounds through 'Jolly songs' and actions and thinking of things that begin with that sound. We aim to introduce four sounds a week beginning with s,a,t,p and focus on learning sight words as well, such as I, no, go, to, the. The children each have a pack of Phase 2 letter sounds in their book bag to practise saying and writing and home.

The children will be learning through play, so each experience is fun and exciting as well educational. They will be exploring numbers through songs and games, learning to count to 100 in 1's and 10's and beginning to recognise numbers to 10 and beyond. Please continue to share the Number Zoo stories from your child's induction pack, as we will be meeting the characters in school this term. They will be making patterns that repeat themselves, sorting objects and measuring in a variety of ways.

The children will be encouraged to get dressed independently for PE and Forest School, so it would be great if you could continue practising this with them at home. Please ensure that all items of clothing and bags are clearly labelled.

Once the children have settled into school, we will start them on the reading scheme. The first books that they will bring home may be picture books without any words or with a few words.

This will give children the chance to discuss the story from the pictures. It is a school expectation that children read 5 times a week, please ensure that you sign their reading record each day to say that they have read. The children will need to put their reading record and book in the book basket every day. Reading books will be changed on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, as necessary. Please don't feel that you need to finish every book each night though, reading a few pages each night will give your children the regular practise they need to become good readers. The children will also get the chance to borrow story books from our class library to share at home.

Year 1 parents

The children will begin bringing home spelling sheets every Monday. These are for them to learn throughout the week, ready for a spelling test the following Monday. They will also bring home some maths sheets to support aspects such as, number recognition, number bonds, subtraction. Please bring any homework back to school on a Monday and we can give them the next homework sheet. It is their responsibility to put their completed homework in the homework tray. It is important for you to ensure that children to complete their homework on time. If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to ask.

The children will continue to bring home reading books, and it is very important that they read a little bit each night. Don't worry if they don't finish their book each night, reading a few pages each night will give them the regular practise they need to become great readers. It would also be helpful to the children, if you ask them questions about what they are reading, so that they have a good understanding of the story and the characters. It is a school expectation that children read 5 times a week, please ensure that you sign their reading record each day to say that they have read. It will be their responsibility to put their reading book and reading record in the 'Book' basket each day. Books will be changed on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, as necessary.

We will be focusing on reading and writing words and sentences this half term, encouraging children to remember to use capital letters, finger spaces and full stops, and to begin to use other punctuation such as question marks and exclamation marks.

We will be practising recognising numbers and also learning our number bonds to 5 and 10 for example, $3+2=5$, $5+5=10$. The children will be putting numbers in the correct order, working out additions and subtractions and recognising coins and shapes.

A copy of the timetable is attached for your information. We are looking forward to an exciting year ahead!

Yours Sincerely,

(Emily Bott)