

Foundation Stage Classroom Newsletter Spring Term 2019

Chudleigh CE Community Primary School
Tel: 01626 852147
email: admin@chudleigh.devon.sch.uk

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year and welcome to the Spring Term - we hope you had a lovely Christmas with your children!

We have another busy term ahead and we hope this newsletter will give you a good overview of our plans for your child's learning.

In **Literacy**, the children will be developing their writing skills during our Clever Cat group time and applying these skills independently throughout our Busy Learning time. They will be learning how to use their phonic knowledge to begin to write simple sentences and captions. The role play areas will support the children's **Communication and Language development** and this term it will be transformed alongside our enquiries.

The children will begin guided reading sessions each week and regular phonics sessions will develop your child's reading and writing skills. Your child will continue to bring home individual reading books. Please continue to support your child by reading with, and to, your child as often as possible. Please let us know in their Reading Record diary what they have read - it really is a huge help to know what they have done!

In **Mathematics** we will continue to focus on recognising numbers to up to 20. We will continue working on 1 more and 1 less than numbers to 10 and beyond and simple calculations - adding 2 groups of objects and learning the symbols for addition and subtraction.

We will be learning more about 2D shapes and move on to learning about 3D shapes and how to describe them. Children often find shape hunts and spotting shapes in the environment fun. Through activities within the provision, we will be looking at the language to describe and compare quantities. We will be learning about simple sequences and routines in the day, as well as starting to learn about money.

You could support your child at home by looking for numbers around them to help them recognise numerals, for example with house numbers, number plates or telephone numbers.

In **Understanding The World**, we will look at seasonal changes and signs of Spring. We will also be continuing our Friday Outdoor Learning day each week.

In **Personal, Social and Emotional Development**, circle times will continue, covering important topics such as friendships, being brave and our feelings.

In **Creative Development** the children continue to have lots of opportunities to experience a variety of tools and materials and express their creativity through role play, art, music and dance.

In **Physical Development** the children will continue to have a range of opportunities to develop ball skills, balance and coordination through our PE sessions and access to a range of resources in our outdoor area. This term, on Tuesday afternoons, PE is taught inside by Ms Betty from the South Dartmoor Schools Partnership coaching team and outside (on alternate

weeks) by Mrs Lanigan. Please ensure that your child has tracksuit tops and bottoms during the winter months.

We will be continuing to provide an enquiry-based curriculum through our provision and in EYFS, these enquiries are often led by the children's interests. We will give you more information about each enquiry in our weekly newsletters.

Our Outdoor Learning days have been really successful and enjoyable. It has been wonderful to see the children apply their skills and learning from the week to the planned activities in the outdoor environment. Please ensure your child comes to school each Friday in appropriate old clothing, with their wellies in a named carrier bag. If you have waterproof trousers/puddle suits please do send these in with your child as well.

Just a reminder, the contribution for Café time is 50p a week, £3 per half-term or £6 for the term. Thank you.

We always welcome support in the classroom, please come and see us if you are able to offer any time. We always really appreciate any offers of help!

Thank you for your continued support

The Foundation Stage Team