



Monday 21st January 2019

Learning in school and at home

- This week the children will learn all about bears. On Wednesday some of the Medical students from the University of East Anglia will come into school to run a session called 'Teddy Bear Hospital'. Teddy Bear Hospital is a worldwide charity that aims to alleviate childhood anxieties surrounding medical environments. During this time they will play fun and educational games with our children. Children are asked to bring in their own teddy bear and the students will diagnose what is wrong with their teddy bear and "prescribe" a treatment! This is supposed to be a fun session to teach the children about health and safety in a familiar, supportive environment.
- This term the children will be learning about how to keep safe and healthy. We will teach the children good practices with regards to exercise, eating, sleeping and hygiene and will explain how these factors can contribute to good health. The children will have an opportunity to do some 'healthy' cooking on Friday too.
- The children will learn how to say and write the new Phase 3 letters and sounds sh, ch, th and ng. Each week your child should bring home a stapled booklet containing the sounds taught that week. Please help your child complete these activity booklets, these can be kept at home. They will also learn how to read the Phase 3 tricky words; these are words that cannot be 'sounded out' phonetically. The new tricky words they are learning include me, she, we, be, he, my, you, was, are, here and they.
- The focus word for this week will be 'wonder'. We will model this word in a variety of situations. Please use this word at home with your child and encourage them to use it too. We hope this weekly word focus will help to improve their vocabulary and their understanding of the English language.
- In Maths the children will learn about how to create number bonds, working with numbers from 0-20. The children will use objects and Numicon to support them with this.

Important dates and information

- Teddy Bears Hospital is on Wednesday 23rd January. Please can children bring in a teddy and please talk to your child about the importance of keeping their bears safe.
- Talk to your child about how they could challenge themselves more at school. Speak to them about what they find tricky at school and find ways to help them with this (we have posted their 'Next Steps' on Tapestry for you to read). It could be cutting, counting, threading, sharing, listening, throwing and catching, writing their name or reading. We are always praising the children for their efforts and continually encourage them to push and challenge themselves to learn new skills.

Please come and speak to us if you have any questions.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Jeal, Mrs Kirby and Mrs Court

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