

## Early Years Newsletter 9th March 2018

### Our Learning this Week

Both classes have been reviewing existing sounds and tricky words, focussing on correct letter formation and sentence structure. Mrs Morton/Mrs Richardson's group have been looking at CVCC words, letter formation and have transferred their work into their new lined writing books and it looks very smart. Mrs Dodd's group have been reviewing existing digraphs ur and ow, looking at specific words and applying them in our sentence work. In our maths sessions, we have been working in different groups this week; working with numbers 1 - 20 and doubling, halving and number sentences. The children have been very practical and used the Numicon to support.

### Junk Modelling Materials

Thank you for the boxes and tubes that have been coming into school this week the children have been very creative and made some adventurous models. Please continue to bring them into school, as we will always need the materials replacing.

### Phonics Workshops 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> March 9.00am - 9.30am.

We will be offering an opportunity for you to come into school and see your child working in their new phonics groups. We will be running the sessions within stay and play as well as on the Friday. There will be a sign up sheet in the "porch" to indicate the day you wish to attend.

### Next Week

#### National Science Week 12<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> March

As a school, we are actively involved in promoting the understanding and excitement of scientific processes. The theme for this year is "Changes" and this links very well with our theme in Early Years. Throughout the week, we will be participating in science activities in our afternoon sessions. We have a brilliant week ahead. ☺.

As the children will be "scientists" through the week in their afternoon sessions, there will be no guided reading.

In phonics, we will all review our existing sounds, tricky words and high frequency words each session. Mrs Morton/Mrs Richardson's group will look at CVCC (consonant, vowel, consonant, consonant), words which use the letter sounds that were learnt in Phase 2 and Phase 3. Along with letter formation, handwriting and sentence work. Mrs Dodd's group will work on the digraphs **oi**, **ur** and the tricky word **are**, and we will incorporate this in our sentence work each day. In maths we will look at the concept of weight and the language associated with this, such as lighter than, heavier than, balance, equal and scales and weights. The sessions will be very practical and children will work throughout the week in small groups weighing and comparing items in the classroom.

**Scholastic Book Fair Monday 12th and Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 3.20pm**

We will be holding a book fair in our small hall over 2 days next week. This is an excellent opportunity to use your World Book Day Voucher and look at the amazing books to buy. The Early Years team will be there to help you.

**Class Photographs Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March**

Tempest photographers will be in school all day to take our class photographs. The order forms will be in book bags in the afternoon for you to order copies.

**Twitter**

Early Years are regularly tweeting "snapshots" of our day and exciting times and achievements. Please follow us on Twitter and take a look we are always super proud of our children and this is an excellent way for you to share this with us.

**Homework**

To link with National Science Week.

During the week, we will be doing many scientific experiments and investigating. We would love you to try some experiments of your own and share them on Tapestry. For further information, please visit - [britishscienceweek.org](http://britishscienceweek.org).

**Dates for your diary**

**Monday 12th - Tuesday 13th March Book Fair after school in the small hall**

**Wednesday 21st - Thursday 22nd March - Parents Evenings**

**Thursday 22nd March - Stay and Play - 4**

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> - Friday 23rd March - Phonics Workshops 9.00am - 9.30am**

**Thursday 29th March - End of Term. Return Monday 16th April**

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May - Celebration Assembly 2.45pm main hall.**

Have a great weekend.

**Mrs J Dodd**

**Mrs S Morton**

**Mrs Z Richardson**