

EYFS TOPIC NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term 2024

People Who Help Us (3 weeks – continuing for 2 weeks after half term)



We will be continuing our topic 'People Who Help Us' for two weeks after half term. During this topic, we will use the internet and non-fiction books to find out about different occupations. We will also invite visitors to come into school to speak to the children about their jobs and how they help others, including what to do in an emergency. In maths, we will be exploring ways to make 4 and 5, and practising finding one more and one less.

A Land Before Time (3 weeks)



In the first week of this new topic, the children will explore the outside areas to see if they can discover what has been making the loud stomping noises! Throughout the topic, the children will learn about the different types of dinosaurs, what they looked like, where they lived and what they ate as well as many other interesting facts. The children will explore information books and we will write some facts together. They will make their own fossils, binoculars and ID badges ready for our topic's 'Fab Finish'. In the last week of our topic, the children will go on their exciting 'Dinosaur Dig' where they will become palaeontologists and hunt for fossils. In maths, the children will explore ways to make 6, 7 and 8, and find number bonds to 5.

After this topic, we will spend the last two weeks of term engaging in Christmas or winter activities, which form our short 'Jingle Bells' topic. The children will enjoy learning Christmas songs and have lots of fun making cards and other festive crafts.

Home Learning Activity

For the children's first home learning project, we would like them to learn more about dinosaurs and create something to share with their friends. Please do let them use their imaginations: they could draw or paint a picture of a dinosaur, make a fossil, learn facts about dinosaurs to share with the class or create a paper mache dinosaur, for example.

Please ensure your child's home learning is sent into school by Friday 29th November so that we have time for the children to share their home learning with the class. All home learning will be celebrated and the children will receive a certificate for taking part.

Focus Author



Each half term, we learn about an author and we read a range of their books. This half term, our focus author is Oliver Jeffers, who wrote various books including 'Lost and Found' and 'How to Catch a Star'. If you haven't already done so, it would be fantastic if you could share any books by this author at home or visit the local library to borrow some of his books.

Diary Dates

Wednesday 6th November – Ad Astra Infant School Open Evening for prospective parents at 6pm

Friday 8th November – Non-uniform day for Christmas Hamper Donation, and 'Sparks In The Dark' Fireworks Night at Haymoor Junior School

Monday 11th November – Remembrance Day Assembly

Tuesday 12th November – Choose Respect day, and EY height and weight checks in school

Thursday 21st November – Road safety assembly

Friday 22nd November and Monday 25th November – INSET days

Friday 29th November – Home Learning due date

Friday 6th December – Dinosaur Dig

Tuesday 10th December – EYFS visit the Christmas Shop

Friday 13th December – Christmas dinner and jumper day

Monday 16th December – Children visit Santa in our Christmas Grotto

Friday 20th December – Non-school uniform Christmas party day

Additional dates may be added over the half term. Please check the school calendar regularly.

PE

During this half term, the children will be learning to improve their coordination and balance skills through stories and games.

PE days are as follows:

Monday – Caterpillars

Tuesday – Froglets

Thursday – Ducklings

Please help us to keep your child safe by removing their earrings on PE days; otherwise, they will be unable to fully take part in these sessions. Please also ensure that if your child has long hair, it is always tied back; their PE kit is in school and that their clothes are clearly labelled with their name. Your child's PE kit will go home with them on their PE day weekly, as this will also be their forest school day. Therefore, please return it ready for the following week's session.

Thank you for your continued support.

The Early Years Team