

EYFS TOPIC NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term 2023

People Who Help Us (3 weeks – 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 continuing to practise our counting skills and recognising numbers. We are going to introduce the children to the language of same/equal, more and less.

A Land Before Time (3 weeks)



In the first week of our new topic, the children will go and explore the outside areas to see if they can discover what was making the loud stomping noises! Throughout the topic, the children will be learning about the different types of dinosaurs, what they looked like, where they lived, 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 learn to recognise larger numbers and compare and make them in different ways.

At the end of 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 1st December** so that we have time for the children to share their home learning with the class. All of the 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

Monday 30th October – Flu Clinic taking place in school

Tuesday 31st October – Hearing checks taking place in school

Friday 3rd November – 'Sparks In The Dark' Fireworks Night at Haymoor Junior School

Friday 10th November – Remembrance Day Assembly

Friday 17th November – Non-school uniform day for Children in Need

Thursday 23rd November – Road safety workshop, and non-school uniform day for Christmas hamper donation

Friday 24th November and Monday 27th November – INSET days

Thursday 30th November – Dinosaur Dig

Friday 1st December – Home Learning due date and PTA Toy Sale after school in the hall

Tuesday 5th December – EYFS visit the Christmas Shop

Friday 8th December – Christmas dinner and jumper day

Monday 11th December – Children visit the Christmas Grotto and PTA Toy Sale and Christmas Raffle draw after school in the hall

Friday 15th 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

Wednesday – Ducklings

Please help us to keep your child safe by removing their earrings on PE days; otherwise, they will be unable to 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

Miss Bridgman, Mrs Ford, Mrs Haddrell, Mrs Steinwartz, Mrs Lewis, Mrs Leslie, Mrs Purbrick, Mrs Cross, Miss Lewis, Mrs Vivas, Mrs Khamis and Mrs Thomas-Smith