







Cypress Group Update

Dear Parent,

Welcome to Cypress group! Just a little update of what we are going to be up to in class this term.

Our topic this term is Houses and homes.

| What we will do in school... | | What you could do together at home... |
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| <p>Science</p> <p>We will be looking at materials and electricity with a focus on household items.</p> |  | <p>Look at items around your home, what are they called? What material are they made out of? Talk about how each material feels for example a glass is smooth and hard. Identify household objects which use electricity. Model using electricity safely.</p> |
| <p>Geography</p> <p>We will be visiting local buildings, seeing if we can identify the type of home e.g bungalow, caravan, detached house.</p> <p>We will be looking at houses around the world and how they differ from the houses we live in.</p> |  | <p>When you are out and about talk about what different buildings are, e.g. 'this is a bungalow, a bungalow has no stairs'</p> <p>Use the computer or books to look up homes in different countries, e.g igloos . Talk about what they are made out of and link to the climate of the country.</p> |
| <p>Literacy</p> <p>We will be learning to create, complete or write short sentences. We will be encouraging the children to describe what they see in pictures.</p> |  | <p>Share books at home with your children.</p> <p>To ask your children about what they can see in the pictures, what do they like about the book?</p> |
| <p>Art</p> <p>We are looking at how we can use paint in a variety of ways to create different effects. We will be creating class models of houses with a focus on Paul Horton's work.</p> |  | <p>Talk to your children about how objects look and feel. Talk to them about things they like to touch and things they don't like the feel of. Label colours and point out interesting houses when you are out and about.</p> |
| <p>PSHE</p> <p>We will be encouraging the children to identify how they are feeling.</p> <p>We will also be working on improving self-esteem by giving each other compliments.</p> |  | <p>Practice giving each other compliments at home. 'I like you because you are good at football.'</p> <p>Label your child's emotions as they display them. For instance, tell them they look happy when they are smiling. Talk about how their favourite characters might be feeling.</p> |
| <p>Maths</p> <p>We will be learning to count up to 100, estimating then counting to check. Some of us will be looking at counting in groups of 2 and place value of larger numbers. We will be comparing amounts, shape and size.</p> |  | <p>Count with your child when you are out and about, how many people are in the park? How many bananas are in my shopping?</p> <p>Compare amounts, who has the most chips? Who has the biggest pizza slice?</p> |



PE - every Monday

Please send a PE kit (any comfortable shorts and T-shirt) in a bag to keep in school. We will send it home every half-term for you to wash. Please could you send in a labelled water bottle for the children to have access to drink while they are participating in activities.

Spare Clothes

Your child will have opportunities to engage in sensory activities including messy play with water, sand, paint, etc. Although the children are encouraged to wear aprons, accidents do happen! Please send a spare set of clothes for your child in case they should need to change.



Home-School Book

We will try to write in the home-school book to let you know what your child has been doing, what they have eaten, how they have been, and anything else we think you would like to hear about their day. We will also put important letters in the book. **Please read the book every day.**

Please feel free to write what your child has been up to at home, any new achievements and any concerns or questions you may have. If your child has missed breakfast, or had a bad night's sleep - please let us know so that we can care for them accordingly (breakfast can be arranged if needed).

Thank you for taking the time to read this, if you have any other queries, please don't hesitate to contact us.

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