

## Supporting Learning at Home

Dear Parent,

In this flyer you will find information about some of the topics we will be working on this term, and ways in which you can support your child's learning at home. There is also a timetable and a list of related requirements.

Our topic this term is **All About Me**.

### What we will do in school...

#### Science and Humanities

In keeping with our literary focus on the 'Funnybones' story, we are learning about body parts. We will also be looking at our own history, learning about life cycles and developments over time. We will compare how we look now to how we looked when we were babies.

#### Literacy

We are going to be reading books that are related to our topic 'All About Me'. We have started by reading the 'Funnybones' story; sequencing the story and learning songs/rhymes. We also plan to read 'Elmer the Elephant' in Week 3 and 4 before moving on to 'The Rainbow Fish' in Week 5 and 6.

#### Art

In Art we will be using different media to enjoy new sensory experiences. We are also going to experiment with colours to recreate elements of the 'Elmer' and 'Rainbow Fish' stories.

#### PSHE

To build friendships at the start of the year, we are focussing on being a good friend. We will be playing table-top games to practice turn taking and sharing.

#### Maths

Starting with Number, Maple Group will be learning about counting, number bonds, addition and subtraction. We have started by using a literary stimulus to support understanding. We have read 'The Great Pet Sale' and practised paying for pets using money that we have counted first.

### What you could do together at home...

Sing songs about body parts i.e. Heads, Shoulders, Knees and Toes.

Share pictures with the children of their life so far and pictures from your childhood too.

Order the pictures from youngest to oldest and spot any differences between then and now.

You can read the stories we are learning about. In addition, the stories are available as videos to watch online. Ask them questions about how the characters may be feeling, the characters appearance and your child's favourite part. Try to read your child's reading book with them at least once a week, encouraging them to sound out unfamiliar words and/or talk about the pictures. Encourage your child to draw a representational picture about the book.

Paint pictures of different patterns using different colours. Experiment with colours i.e. mix two colours together.

Use different materials to create pictures of characters, scenes or favourite places.

Play different board games that require turn taking and sharing.

Play with toys and ask for a turn.

Read stories about being a good friend.

Take opportunities to count the number of objects. Ask how many more we would need to have 5 or 10 items. Incorporate different elements from the other subjects i.e. how many red cars can you see? How many items are we buying from the shop? Use maths related vocabulary as much as you can such as more, less, difference, bigger, smaller, taller, shorter, heavier, lighter etc.



## Swimming - every Friday

Maple Group will be swimming every Friday, beginning on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September. Please send your child into school every Monday with:

- a swimming costume/trunks
- a towel
- in a bag that is large enough for them to put all their clothes into.



## PE - every Tuesday

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.

## Hygiene Sessions

After the success of the hygiene sessions introduced in the Summer term, we would like to continue these sessions each day at school. These sessions will continue to reinforce the importance of looking after ourselves and keeping our bodies clean and healthy. After lunch the children will have an opportunity to brush their teeth, brush their hair, and wash their faces with a flannel. If you would like your child to participate in these sessions please send in a small wash bag to keep in school containing a toothbrush, toothpaste, comb, and flannel.

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

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