

Supporting Learning at Home

Dear Parent/Carer,

Spring Term 2016

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 **Transport**

What we will do in school...

Science

We will be learning about different forces. We will be carrying out experiments for pushes, pulls and twists and also looking at the effect of forces on the movement of toy cars.

Literacy

The children will be reading aloud, to the group, a range of texts with the theme of transport. They will be answering questions to develop their comprehension skills. All the children will read each day to an adult.

Art / DT

In Art the children are making 3 dimensional models.

In cooking we are making a range of dishes both sweet and savoury.

PSHE

In PSHE we are following a social skills programme provided by the speech and language therapist.

Maths

In Maths we are focusing on fractions, multiplication and division, measurement, geometry and statistics..

What you could do together at home...

Watch BBC Schools Science Clips on Pushes and pulls.

Carry out simple experiments using toy vehicles and boats looking at the ways they move and how they can be stopped.

Please share books as often as possible at home.

Listen to stories which have a transport theme.

Using some transport shaped cutters make simple biscuits. A simple recipe for Fork Biscuits is available on the BBC Good Food site. Experiment with adding different flavours to the recipe.,

Encourage your child to make eye contact with you during verbal exchanges.

Enjoy having conversations about different topics.

There are lots of interactive games on the internet for the children to work on their number skills. Topmarks and Tes I board have a range of free games.

When cutting cakes or pizza , fraction vocabulary could be used.



Swimming

Birch Group is sharing swimming sessions with Upper 4 Group this year. We haven't been swimming, instead we have an extra session in the hall for P.E. and will also be going for walks when the weather allows. After February half term we will be swimming on Thursday mornings.



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.

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 every day 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.

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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