

Cypress Group Curriculum Flier

Dear Parent,

We hope you have had an enjoyable Christmas break. This leaflet is just for your information regarding what your child will be learning in Spring Term...

Our topics this term are **Country** and **Plants**.

What we will do in school...	What you could do together at home...
Science We will be looking at habitats and their inhabitants. We will be comparing plants, trees and other living parts of our community. We will also be looking at and comparing the seasons	Talk to your child about plants and flowers, pointing out flowers in places you may visit. Encourage your children to pay attention to flowers and use the correct names for their parts e.g. petals and stem.
Geography We will be studying the features of Egypt and comparing hot and cold climates. We will be looking at animal habitats and growing our own plants. We will also be looking at how plants vary across different countries.	Explore the sensory opportunities that our living habitat presents to us. Try to encourage your child to identify specific flowers in the home and maybe adopt a plant and watch it grow!
Literacy We will be working on including adjectives in our writing as part of our 'descriptive writing topic'. We will be reading Hadas Surprise and Moses as part of our countries topic. We will continue to learn our sounds in phonics and practise our reading regularly.	Share books at home with your children. Encourage them to read key words or repeat words. Ask your children about what they can see in the pictures, and what they like about a book. Introduce new words to your child's vocabulary and encourage their interest in public signs and symbols.
Art We are learning about the different ways you can 'make' a flower, using our knowledge of seasons in our art work as well as looking at the uses for water in our country.	Give your child experiences to explore their sensory sides with outdoor materials. Encourage your children to compare objects or items to things we are learning about e.g. the cotton wool looks like a cloud in the sky.
PSHE Cypress group will be developing their understanding of relationships and people who are important to them. We will be looking at who our families are and who our friends are and why they are special. We will also be learning about what makes a good friend and what we like about our friends.	Encourage your child to identify people who are special to them and make them aware of how we greet people we know compared to people we do not know. Identify daily routines that are special to you; watching TV together, having a cuddle or reading a story.
Maths Cypress Group will be looking at missing numbers whilst counting as well as exploring our knowledge of 3D shapes. We will be building our number knowledge and begin to learn about addition and subtraction using Numicon or a number line.	Whilst playing, identify any real life objects that are 3D shapes and identify some of their features e.g. A ball is a sphere. Spheres can roll. Introduce 'What's missing?' to your everyday language and encourage you children to identify one more.

Swimming – every Monday



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. Please could you send in a labelled water bottle for the children to have access to drink while they are participating in activities, these will be washed and refilled by the children themselves to increase their independence skills.

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 (breakfast can be arranged if needed).

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

The Cypress Group Team.