

Laurel Group Curriculum Flier

Dear Parents,

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 'seasonal changes', focusing on the weather, trees and what clothing we wear in each season.	Talk to your child about the weather, focusing on the appropriateness for each season. Mention the weather when they are choosing their clothes to wear, such as 'put on a jumper because it's cold in winter.'
Geography Laurel Group will be exploring the continents this half-term. We will also focus on countries Australia and Kenya, exploring what the climate is like and some animals from each country. Next half-term we will be learning about plants and the gardens of Capability Brown.	You might like to look at a globe with your child, tracing a route to Australia or Kenya. Perhaps you could look at an atlas together. Next half-term talk to your child about gardens that you visit or walk past. Point out common plants or trees, as well as structures such as flower beds, patio areas and lawns.
Literacy Laurel Group will share some stories from different countries. We have started with 'the Koala who can' from Australia. We are also concentrating on labelling our pictures, as well as working hard on writing our names on each of our worksheets.	Share books at home with your child. Encourage them to read key words or to point at requested images. Ask your children about what they can see in the pictures or what they like about a book. Introduce new words to your child's vocabulary.
Art Laurel Group will be exploring different art techniques, such as aboriginal dot patterns and finger painting. We will also focus on using colour, particularly in creating flower pictures.	Point out different patterns that you might see and how they might have been created. Encourage your child to look at different colours in their everyday life. Talk to your child about which colours relate to each of the four seasons.
PSHE Laurel Group will be learning about 'people who can help me', particularly the police, doctors and fire brigade. We will also continue our work on emotions, focusing on happy, sad and cross. We will use the popular 'Transporters' DVD to help us to understand facial expressions.	Point out any of the emergency services that you might see out in the community. Focus on the look of their uniform to help your child to recognise those people that might help them. Share emotions with your child, pointing out when you are happy, sad or cross. You might like to use a mirror to make faces together!
Maths Laurel Group will be exploring our knowledge of 3D shapes during the first half-term. We will identify each shape, as well as beginning to recognise them within everyday objects. We will also continue learning number placement, before exploring addition and subtraction.	Whilst playing, identify any real life objects that are 3D shapes and identify some of their features e.g. a ball is a sphere which can roll. Identify numbers with your child, possibly calling out house numbers or number plates whilst on a walk. Encourage your child to count on 'one more'



Swimming – every Friday until half-term

Laurel Group will be going swimming at Woughton Pool on Friday mornings up until February half term. Please send your child into school every Friday with:

- a swimming costume/trunks
- a towel
- soap for washing themselves or moisturising if needed
- a swim nappy if required



PE – every Thursday

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 a drink while they are participating in activities. These will be washed by the children to help increase their independence skills.

Forest School – every Monday during each first half of term

Forest School can be wet and extremely muddy, so please provide wellies and, if possible, waterproof trousers for your child. You might also like to send in some spare trousers in case your child might need to change on returning back to school.

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 send important letters home via your child's home/school book.

Please check the book every day. We will try our very best to respond on a daily basis to any comments that you might write.

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.

Alison, Tahira, Nicky, Evdoxia, Inara and the rest of the Laurel Group team.