

Laurel Group Parent Information - Summer Term



Our topic for this term is "Out & About."

What we will do in school:	What you could do together at home:
<p><u>Communication & Language</u> Communication is central to all our work and we will continue to create communication opportunities for your child through using the SCERTS approach.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read your child's PECs book with them regularly. • Try to encourage and motivate your child to communicate, e.g. by putting their favourite toy on a high shelf, so they have to request help to get it.
<p><u>Physical Development</u> We will be encouraging your child to travel in different ways in soft play and gym, and learning simple ring games. We will continue to develop their fine motor skills through finger gym, and encourage them to try different foods through cooking.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop your child's fine motor skills by encouraging them to use play dough, open and close containers, squeeze pegs, etc. • Bake with your child at home and encourage them to try different foods.
<p><u>Personal, Social & Emotional Development</u> This term we are teaching the children to be safe when out and about in the community. The children will also continue to use the class "Zones of Regulation" boards to help them to learn to recognise their own emotions.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take your child out for walks and encourage them to stop at roads and use park equipment safely, etc. • Help your child to recognise their own emotions by labelling them, e.g. "You're crying, you must be feeling sad."
<p><u>Literacy</u> The children will continue to have regular morning reading sessions. They will listen to fiction and non-fiction books about different environments, including parks, woods, farms and zoos. They will continue to be given regular mark making opportunities. In phonics they will continue to practise phase 2 sounds, and spelling and reading simple cvc words.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share stories and non-fiction books with your child. • Try to read your child's reading/PECs book with them at least once a week.
<p><u>Maths</u> We will be focusing on number in the first half term. We will be using Numicon to count and work out simple additions. In the second half term we will continue to develop the children's knowledge of size and measures.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage your child to notice numbers in the environment e.g. clock faces, bus numbers, etc. • Count items together and add on "one more". • Label items "big," "small," "long" and "short" together. • Order items by size.
<p><u>Understanding the World</u> The children will learn about different places and environments They will learn about religious festivals, including Eid and Buddha Day. They will continue to develop their confidence on the computers and iPads.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Go to parks, woods and farms etc., and encourage your child to label features of these environments, e.g. tree, slide, cow, etc. • Explore learning apps and useful websites with your child, e.g. "CBeebies", "Busy Things", etc.
<p><u>Expressive Arts & Design</u> The children will continue to have lessons with Kevin (our music teacher). The children will use playdough to complete pictures, paint, print, and practise their cutting and sticking skills. They will be learning a hip-hop version of "Heads, Shoulders, Knees and Toes" in dance!</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listen to music and sing songs with your child. • Encourage your child to complete simple colouring pictures.



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 check the Home /School Book every day and respond to any queries you have. Your child's keyworker will write in the Home/School Book at least twice a week 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. We will also put important letters in the book. **Please check 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 term's parent information. If you have any other queries, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Angie, Linda, Jennie and Carmen.