

Cypress Group Update

Dear Parents,

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. Our topic this term is *Growing and Changing*.

What will we be doing in school?

What you could do together at home...

Science

We will be learning about the human life cycle and the life cycles of other animals.

You could talk to your child about the different stages of their life and yours. Talk about the memories you share and possibly look at photos together.

Literacy

We will be focussing on our writing this term but we will continue to listen to the children read and ask them questions about their books.

Provide opportunities for your child to write. Make lists, write emails, and possibly begin a diary. Continue to share stories and books. Ask simple questions about what they have read, such as "what do you think will happen next?"

Computing

We will be learning how to code. We will learn how to control and manipulate what happens on the screen.

There are a few websites that we enjoy in school that you might want to explore at home. Barclayscodeplayground is one, SEN Switcher is another.

Humanities

We will be learning about the History of Milton Keynes. Looking at how it has changed and grown.

We will be visiting key landmarks. You could encourage your child to talk about what they have learned and take them to visit other important places in MK.

Maths

We will be looking again at written methods for addition and subtraction. We will also focus on telling the time.

Encourage your child to show you the written methods we use and provide opportunities for them to practice.



Swimming - every Monday

Cypress Group will continue swimming on Monday mornings. Please send your child into school every Monday with:

- swimming trunks
- a towel
- shower gel/shampoo/deodorant(if needed)



PE - every Tuesday and Friday

Please send a PE kit (any comfortable shorts and T-shirt) in a bag to keep in school. Please send in deodorant as we do get very hot and sweaty. We will send the PE kit home every half-term for you to wash.

This half -term we are focussing on fitness. We are going to start walking around the lakes in MK and build up to jogging around the lakes and doing the fitness stations. Please make sure that your child has trainers that they can walk/run in.



Home-School Book

We will write important messages to you regarding your child as needed. We also often write about things that your child has done well. 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.

Please could you send in a few photos of your child? It would be great if you could send in photos that show your child as a baby, a toddler, pre-school age so that we can see how they have grown and changed.

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

The Cypress Teaching Team