

Dear Parent,

We hope you have had a lovely Easter break. Our topic this term is changing and growing.

What we will be doing in school

What could do together at home...

Science

We will be looking at different animals; learning about lifecycles and identify the adults and their young. We will be watching some butterflies and plants grow. We will be learning about what plants need to grow.

Get out in the garden and look and help with looking after the plants, watering and sowing plants. Help feeding any pets or the birds in the garden, talk about what they need to eat and drink.

Geography

We will be visiting a local farm and looking at the animals. We will be looking at how our local environment is growing and changing with springtime.

When out and about talk about the different plants and animals you can see, are they babies or adults?

Literacy

In literacy we are listening to stories and answering questions about the stories. We are practicing our skills blending and segmenting sounds; reading and spelling words.

Share books and ask questions about the pictures or the story. Spell out together simple CVC 3 letter words as you come across them at home e.g. Dog, cat, lid, cup, bin etc.

Art

We are looking at how painting with different tools changes the effects on paint. We will be looking at self-portraits and the work of Picasso.

Look at painted pictures of people and photos of people; what colour are their eyes and hair?

PSHE

We are looking at some of the differences between boys and girls, how our bodies change as we grow older and how we look after our bodies to keep them healthy and clean.

Talk about girls and boys in their family, what do they like and dislike?

Talk about how we keep parts of our bodies clean every day.

Maths

In maths we are learning to use directional language. We are learning to measure lengths and how to compare measures and amounts.

Use directions such as left and right when describing where things are at home.

Compare the size and shapes of different things around the home; which is bigger? Which glass has more?

Swimming - every Friday



Redwood Group will be going swimming at Bletchley Pool on Fridays. Please send your child into school every Friday with:

- a swimming costume/trunks
- a towel
- soap and moisturising cream if needed
- in a bag that is large enough for them to put all their clothes into.

PE - every Monday and 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 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.

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