

Laurel Group Parent Information – Summer Term

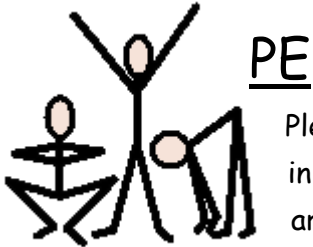
Our topic for this term is “Out and about.”

What we will do in school:	What you could do together at home:
<p><u>Communication & Language</u> Communication is a high priority and we will create lots of fun activities where communication is motivating to the individual. Your child will also work regularly on their individual speech and language therapy targets.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use PECS at home to aid communication • Whilst out talk through things as you are doing them to help with their language. For example, “I’m going to buy some red apples” or “Let’s slide down the big slide”.
<p><u>Physical Development</u> We will be working on our gross motor skills in P.E. by practicing a range of ball skills. We will be developing their fine motor skills through fine motor activities.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage your child to be independent when dressing and undressing • Throw and catch a ball with your child to develop their gross motor skills. • Encourage your child to cut using scissors at home and to mark make using their preferred mark making tools.
<p><u>Personal, Social & Emotional Development</u> This term we are focusing on developing the children’s play skills by encouraging them to take part in simple turn taking games with peers. We are also encouraging children to share toys and to play role play games together with PECS to aid with communication.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage your child to take turns with you when playing a favourite activity. It could be throwing a ball against a wall, cuddling a teddy or playing a simple iPad game. Try saying ‘My turn, your turn’, keeping each turn very short at the start. • Play with your child’s toys with them to encourage them to share and to play co-operatively
<p><u>Literacy</u> Our topic this term is “Out and about”. For this topic we will be reading a range of books about places that you can go to and the different types of transport that can take you there. All children are encouraged to read daily with books appropriate for their level, these books are separate from the books that they take home.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Try to read a wide range of books with your child and point out any transportation vehicles that you can see in the pictures and encourage your child to look at where you are pointing • Read interactive books with your child and encourage them to join in with the words or actions such as ‘We are going on a bear hunt’.
<p><u>Maths</u> This term we are looking at money, shape and space. In number we have introduced Numicon to aid the children with their understanding of numbers and we will continue to use Numicon in our Numeracy sessions.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sing counting songs with your child to help them develop an understanding of number & quantity. 5 little men in a flying saucer and 10 little speckled frogs are great. • Try to encourage your child to look at the money whilst you are paying in the shop. Show them the coins and talk about how much they are worth
<p><u>Understanding the World</u> The children will continue to enjoy forest school and exploring nature in a creative way. We will also continue to learn all about computers and how they operate.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to go on outdoors walks and encourage your child to look at the changes in the environment • Try to visit a range of places such as the park, the lake, the woods and the shops.

Expressive Arts & Design

The children will continue to explore a range of textures and different arts and crafts materials. We will be encouraging the children to touch a range of different textures and labelling them as the children touch them

- Encourage your child to touch a range of textures and describe them as they touch them for example the jelly is squishy the ice is cold.
- Make your own cars out of recycling materials.



Please send a PE kit (jogging bottoms or shorts and a T-shirt) in a bag to keep in school. We will send it home every half-term for you to wash. Our P.E days are Monday and Thursday.

Forest School

We have forest school every Wednesday morning. Forest School takes place in a muddy area and involves children exploring a range of outside skills such as digging in mud and climbing trees. As such your child will require a set of waterproof trousers and a waterproof coat if they do not already have them in school. Your child will also need to wear wellie boots whilst they are out.

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 or clothes that they can wear to get messy if you would prefer.



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 as often as they can 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. You can also contact me via email: lucy.austin@walnuts.milton-keynes.sch.uk

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.

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