

Sunbeams Newsletter 4



FORTNIGHT COMMENCING 30THOCTOBER 23

Latest News

Welcome back to the second half of term. I hope you all had a lovely break. We begin our new half term with Arts Week. The whole school will be taking part in activities based around different Nursery rhymes. Sunbeams will spend the week investigating what happened to Incy Wincy Spider alongside other spider themed activities. The whole school (except Sunbeams) are going to see Shrek at Woking Theatre on Wednesday 1st November. Sunbeams will still be open as usual on this day.

Light: Our new topic this term is light, we will be thinking about night and day, light and dark, Diwali and Fireworks. If you celebrate Diwali and would be willing to share with Sunbeams how you do this please speak to a member of the Sunbeams team.

Little Wandle Phonics: This term we launch our new phonics program in Nursery. The Nursery years are the best time to lay the foundations for future reading. By spending time talking and focusing on the sounds of our language, we can help young children get ready for formal phonics teaching in Reception. We will introduce a new phoneme (sound) a week starting with S this week and then A the following week. The children will participate in group activities that encourage listening, playing with language, clapping out syllables and blending sounds. Please see attached leaflet explaining more about this and how you can support at home.

Home learning /Parent's tips

(remember you are your child's first educator)

Foundations for Phonics

Please take the time to read the attached PDF 'Foundations for Phonics' and prepare your child at home for formal phonics teaching by carrying out some of the activities detailed in the leaflet whilst out and about in your day to day life. You might like to post your observations on Tapestry to encourage a class conversation.

Development Matters '23 Literacy

'Develop their phonological awareness, so that they can: spot and suggest rhymes, count or clap syllables in a word, recognise words with the same initial sound, such as money and mother.' 3 to 4 years

'Join in with songs and rhymes, copying sounds, rhythms, tunes and tempo.' 0- 3 years

Important Dates

Mon 30th Oct - Children return to school

Wed 8th Nov - Open Evening for prospective parents -
5-7pm (Last tour 6:30pm)

Monday 4th December INSET Day - School Closed

Friday 15th December 2023 - Last day of term - Children finish at 1pm

Christmas Holidays - **Mon 18th December 2023 to Mon 1st January 2024** - Children back on the **2nd January 2024**

Fortnightly Phonics

S & A

What phoneme (sound) do these make? Can you hear these phonemes in someone's name you know?

MATHS OF THE WEEK

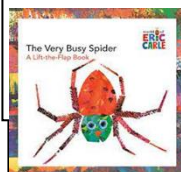
Numbers 4 & 5.

Please support your child by finding the number of the week in the world around them.

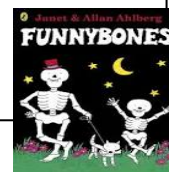
Books and Rhymes

The very Busy Spider by Eric Carle

Funny Bones by Janet & Allen Ahlberg



Incy Wincy Spider
Humpty Dumpty



Messages

School Applications: Don't forget you can apply for schools for your child born between Sept 2019 to August 2020 from 30th October 2023

Christmas Cards: The children have been busy creating designs for their Christmas cards. You should receive these designs next week if you haven't already. Please place your orders as soon as possible.

Donations: It's that time of year when coughs and colds are prevalent and we have nearly exhausted our stock of tissues and wipes. If you are able to donate at least one of these items it would be a great help, we do yet through a lot!!

Proud Clouds: Children will be coming home with a 'Proud Cloud' in their bags. Please keep these and fill them out when your child has achieved something at home e.g. get themselves dressed, use the toilet, sleep in their own bed. learn to ride a bike etc.

Where to find information.

Please use our website to find out key dates, including term times and INSET days

<https://www.stepgateschool.co.uk>

Who to contact:

To report absence, late pick up or collection information or other urgent information.) office@stepgates.surrey.sch.uk

To contact the teacher for non-urgent information:

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