

Tuesday 22nd February 2022

Year group: Reception

Classes: Maple and Chestnut

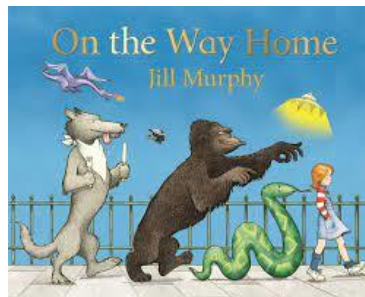
Teachers: Miss Hackett and Mr Martisius

Learning Support Assistants: Miss S.Dempsey, Mrs D.Robinson and Mrs K.Sullivan

Curriculum Letter- Spring (2nd half)

Dear Parents/Carers,

This half term we will be continuing our topic on Traditional Tales. We will be exploring the book 'On the way home' by Jill Murphy which features many traditional characters you and your child may know. We will also be learning about letters and hope to have many mail workers busy delivering letters each day.



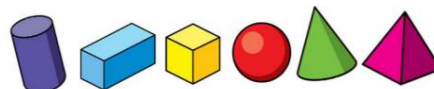
Our personal, social, health and economic education topic is 'A Healthy Me'. We will be learning how to make healthy choices, keep fit and look after ourselves. The role play area will be turned into a hospital, which will help the children play out their ideas of staying healthy.

This half term, we will also do activities linked to Pancake Day, World Book Day, Mother's Day and Easter.

We have an exciting Science Week ahead, where we will be hatching some ducklings and learning all about the life cycle of a duck.



In Maths we will be continuing to compare numbers to 10, looking at height and length, 3D shape and relooking at making patterns.



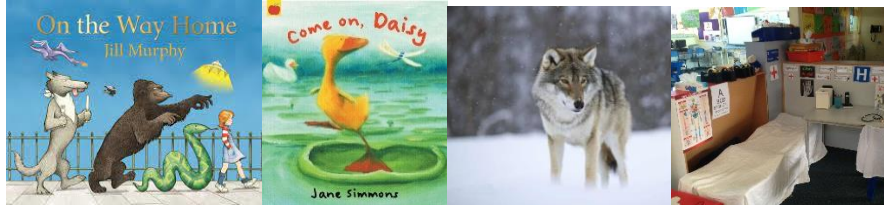


Literacy	Number	Physical Development	Expressive Arts and Design
<p>Key Texts: On the way home. Jasper and the Beanstalk. The Hungry Caterpillar. Come on Daisy. Non Fiction: All about wolves</p> <p>We will be learning to; Continue to use the sounds they know in writing, including the diagraphs and triagraphs they are learning. Forming letters correctly and looking at letter size. Beginning to read and write simple sentences and phrases. Talk and retell stories they have read or heard. Tricky words; he, she, we, me, be, are, all, they, her, my, Phonics phase 2/3/4 Writing sentences with connectives, using finger spaces, capital letters and full stops. Looking at narrative writing. Writing information about wolves. Writing letters.</p> <p>At home you could; Continue to read every day. Go on Bugclub regularly. Read stories to your child. Use puppets/toys to retell your favourite bedtime stories. Send letters to family members</p>	<p>We will be learning to; Number bonds to 10. (i.e. 7+3, 6+4, =10 etc.) Recognising amounts of objects without counting (subitise) Recognise odd and even numbers 3D Shapes; names and properties Pattern building</p> <p>At home you could; Play matching number games. Play snap games, encouraging your child to recognise the amounts shown on each card. Go on Athletics regularly. Explore measuring with rulers, tape measures, hands etc different items around your house/ outside. Save recycling and build models using 3D shape names.</p>	<p>We will be learning to; Hold a pencil correctly using the tripod grip. Form the letters of our name correctly. Draw representational image. Using tools correctly Ball Skills Fitness; Healthy body and mind. Making healthy food choices. Focus on team games, looking at winning and losing.</p> <p>We have PE every Wednesday. All children should wear joggers, plain white t-shirt and black trainers every Wednesday.</p> <p>At home you could; Practice forming letters correctly with your weekly phonics homework. Strengthen finger muscles with; cutting, threading and playdough activities. Visit the local parks and find new ways of moving; on, along, under, over the playground equipment. Play ball games and other team games teaching your child that it is ok not to always be the winner!</p>	<p>We will be learning to; Experiment with printing, looking at different textures. Move to music. Act out familiar stories. Easter crafts Mother's Day Pattern printing Junk modelling using 3d shape names. JUNK MODELLING DONATIONS WARMLY WELCOMED.</p> <p>At home you could; Spend time painting and exploring printing using everyday objects to make different patterns and textures. Use puppets/toys to retell your favourite bedtime stories. Junk modelling.</p>



<p>Personal, Social and Emotional Development</p> <p>Our JIGSAW topic is; Healthy Me. We will be learning about living a healthy lifestyle, looking at healthy eating, the importance of exercise, and how to look after each other.</p> <p>At home you could; Encourage healthy eating, talk about the importance of keeping fit; go on walks together.</p>	<p>Communication and Language</p> <p>We are learning to; Join in with poems and rhymes. Respond to questions, giving reasons for our thoughts.</p> <p>At home you could; Share lots of stories and talk about what happened in them. Can your child give their opinions on the story? Did they enjoy the story and why? Were all the characters nice/why? Share poems and rhymes with your child. Share and learn some of your favourite nursery rhymes from when you were a child.</p> <p>When your child is selected to bring a Show and Tell item in, please practice how to talk aloud in a group and answer questions.</p>		<p>Understanding World</p> <p>We will be learning about; Life Cycle of a duck People that help us Seasonal Change-Spring</p> <p>At home you could; Visit the duck pond</p>
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We hope you have as much fun at home as we will be having in class!



We would love to see any work you complete at home around our topic.

Please feel free to contact class teachers directly on our class email accounts and we will aim to reply as soon as possible.

Chestnut Class: chestnutclass@harefieldinfant.com

Maple Class: mapleclass@harefieldinfant.com

Activity Money

In Reception we love to cook, taste new foods, watch plants grow and take part in messy play. Your Activity Money contributions really support us with providing exciting learning experiences for your child.

We kindly ask for voluntary contributions of £2.50 per half term which you can make online using ParentPay.

Thank you
Reception Team