

April Newsletter 2010 Year 2.

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Dear Parents

This is our curriculum content for the month of April.

Language and Literacy.

This month our literacy content will be based around the themes of water and planting seeds. We will be looking at the uses of water and its importance for all living things to survive. The children will have the opportunity to read a variety of fiction and non fiction books related to this theme. Please continue to work with the blends ,key words and word families to help with your child's reading.

Mathematics and Numeracy.

This month the children will be introduced to the topic of subtraction for the first time. Initially we will be involving the children in lots of practical activities within five and then progressing to ten. We encourage you to keep working with your child with Mental Maths to reinforce addition and subtraction facts within 10. For example $3+2=5$ so then $5-3=2$ and $5-2=3$.

World Around Us.

This month our topics in world around us are water and planting seeds. The children will have the opportunity to plant seeds in the classroom and watch them grow. They will be investigating suitable growing conditions for their seeds. We will be looking at the story of Noah's ark in conjunction with our water topic. Our play based learning will include activities related to water and Noah's ark.

The Arts.

The children will be involved in making a whole class collage of an underwater theme. We will be looking at the plants and animals that live underwater as a stimulus for their pictures. We will be looking and listening to music related to our water theme. The children will compose water music during play based learning experimenting with a range of percussion instruments and everyday objects. Our drama will include role play of the Post Office during play based learning.

P.D.M.U.

During this month the children will be talking about keeping safe around water and now that the time has changed we will be talking about safety while playing outdoors. We will be discussing again about the importance of caring for others and showing respect

P.E.

This month, weather permitting, we will hopefully be going outdoors to begin our Summer term Athletics programme. We encourage you to involve your child in lots of physical outdoor activities at home.

Religion

This month's focus in Alive O is water and God's gift of water for all of us.

Important Dates.

School will close for the children on Holy Thursday April 1st at 11am.

School will reopen on Monday 12th April at 8 55am.

Staff training Day on Friday 30th April. School will be closed for the children on this day.

Mrs Henry, Mrs Martin and MS Bateson.

