

# May Newsletter

We are now working on our new topic on Giants. It would be helpful if you could encourage your child to talk about what they are doing in class.

*Maths:* The children are now counting beyond 10 but learning about number composition within 10. Keep practising with the mental maths, talking about more, less and the same as. Understanding phrases such as number before, after and in between. We are starting to add on 1 to numbers. Continue to practice number formation to 15. We will also be covering the topic of time. Encourage the children to take note of o'clock times. Language of size.

*Talking and listening:* Read and share a range of giant stories with your child. Do the versions differ? Talk about giants. Compare good and bad giants from the stories. Try to think of lots of words with the same meaning as big. Talk about characters and settings. Talk about the words beginning with the letter of the week. Don't forget to bring in objects for the class display board.

*Reading:* We are almost finished with our initial letters and sounds. Please take time to look at the alphabet and go over all the letter names, their sounds, actions or songs and the trigger word beginning with that letter. It is important that children go over any keywords that are sent home. Encourage your child to use their sounds to help identify unfamiliar words. Please encourage your child to use all of the skills when reading ie. looking at the pictures for clues, pointing to the words and sounding out the words.

*Writing:* The children continue to develop their writing skills at their own pace. Continue to practice letter formation, small letters and capital letters. The children should be starting to sound out and spell simple words. The children are writing familiar words and putting these words together to make sentences. The topic of giants is a good stimulus for everyone to write. Encourage your child to write at their own level.

*The Arts:* Lots of songs and stories on the giants theme. Exploring different painting tools for different size jobs. High/low/loud and quiet sounds.

*World around us:* Planting beans, knowing what is needed, predicting and recording growth.

*Physical development:* Encourage your child to be physically active every day. Walk and move like a giant. We will be busy practising for fun sports. We will be working in teams revising all of the skills covered this year, eg. hopping, catching, dribbling, hitting.

*P.D.M.U.* Good and bad giants. What advice would they give to a bad giant. Talking about what is right and wrong and the feelings involved. Encourage children to have empathy for others.

*I.C.T.:* The children will be familiarising themselves with the keyboard. If you have a computer at home encourage your child to use the keyboard to write words and numbers. They should be aware of how to make a capital letter, put a space between their words, add a full stop and delete a mistake. Also encourage them to visit the cbeebies website to try out some of the different activities. Remember to supervise your child when he/she is using the internet.

*Alive-o:* The children will be talking about Spring and new life.

The school trip to Finvoy fun farm will be on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> June.  
More details to follow.

All this information will be available on our school website  
[www.holyfamily-ps.org.uk](http://www.holyfamily-ps.org.uk)

Thank-you  
The P.1 teachers.