

# Class Newsletter

Summer Term 1 2022

## Foundation 1

Teacher - Miss Hutchinson  
Nursery Nurse - Mrs Gray  
Teaching Assistants -  
Miss Phillipson, Mrs Sperke

We hope that you all had a wonderful, safe and happy Easter. We are all really looking forward to welcoming you back and meeting our new starters who will be joining us this week.



## Important Information

**PE-** The children will continue to have PE on a Wednesday and Friday morning. Please remember to send your child to school in an outdoor PE kit on these days.

Please ensure that your child always has their hair tied back for school.

## Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This half term we will be talking about emotions. The children will have the opportunity to discuss when they feel happy or sad and draw and paint what this might look like. They will discuss the happy and sad times around Jesus rising from the dead and then returning to his Father, as well as times in the classroom where they may experience different emotions. We will also continue to support our children with their sharing and turn-taking in the provision areas.

## Communication and Language

We will provide opportunities for the children to listen to one another and to share their own ideas, thoughts and feelings during small group work, such as at circle time. We will also encourage the children to recall and relive past experiences, as they discuss and celebrate the things that are important to them. During our stories, the children will be encouraged to talk about what is happening and to anticipate what might happen next.

## RE

Our RE topic is 'New Life'. Through bible stories, we will learn about how Jesus rose from the dead and appeared to Mary Magdalene. The children will begin to understand the special gifts of joy and peace that Jesus gave to his disciples and can give to us and how Jesus then went back to his Father. The children will paint their own angels and explore the world around them for signs of new life, such as buds and flowers.

## Physical Development

This half term we will continue to provide daily 'dough disco' and dance sessions to support the children with their gross motor and fine manipulative skills. There are also lots of opportunities within provision for this too, such as cutting activities, threading, weaving and challenges with tweezers. During PE sessions, the children will continue to work on their throwing, rolling, kicking and catching skills, as well to move in a variety of ways.

## Literacy/Phonics

This half term we will continue to learn a different sound every week from the Sounds Write scheme of work. We will be covering 'k' 'l' 'd' 'f' 'v' and 'e'. The children will identify initial sounds and blend sounds together to make a word. They will read real words and match the word to the correct picture. We will also explore syllables by counting the syllables in a word.

## Mathematics

We will be exploring numbers 8, 9 and beyond, by touch counting a specific amount of objects, recognising numerals within the environment and matching a numeral to a group of objects. The children will be using vocabulary such as 'more', 'fewer', 'less' and 'the same' to compare groups of objects and will be encouraged to sort objects in different ways, such as by shape, size or features. They will also make different arrangements with shapes.

## Following Children's Interests, Understanding the World, Expressive Arts and Design

This half term we will be following the children's interest in castles, by sharing stories and by providing learning opportunities linked to the theme of magical kingdoms. The children will have the opportunity to build castles, paint dragons and create fairy potions. We will also be learning all about the Queen and the Royal Family towards the end of the half term, as we celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. We will also explore the local area, looking for signs of spring.

## Ways to Help

Please continue to work with us in supporting your child's independence with dressing and self-care. Children should wear shoes that they can take off and put on independently. Your child should have a draw string bag in school with a full change of clothes in case they are needed. Please also send a hat in daily, clearly labelled with your child's name. On warmer days, please ensure that your child has sun cream applied before they come into school. Thank you for your support with this.