

Haytor View Community Primary School & Nursery – Foundation Stage Spring Newsletter

Learning together - enjoying success - aiming high - celebrating difference – enriching community



Introduction

The purpose of this newsletter is to provide a chance for reflection about things we have done, as well as giving some pointers towards exciting activities on the horizon.

Early Years Curriculum

Weekly Focused Children and Family Sharing

Thank you parents for the time you have given us during your busy days, we have just loved being able to meet with you more frequently to share your children's fantastic learning. It always makes us smile when we share these observations as a team during our morning planning meetings. Your children have so many amazing ideas and questions. Every day is totally new and exciting as the children find new avenues of thinking or challenge themselves to extend a previous question.



Please do take a moment to look in our numerous '**Watch, Wait and Wonder**' books where we are recording the journey of children's thinking.

Reading

Completing your child's contact books is really important to us so that you can communicate with us things that your child has learnt at home. They also provide a place to record reflections about reading. It is **really important** to read regularly so that your child can build up a love of stories, language and widen their imagination. A bed time story is such a special time to share wonders and possibilities through language, as well as providing a calm end of the day for everyone!

Developing your child's memory capacity is vital to support their reading. There are so many skills which join together to allow children to become fluent readers. Children need to memorise sight words, on top of learning to blend and also understand the words and details in a story.

Words F2 children need to memorise

I	no	to	go	the
into	we	be	me	he
she	they	her	all	you
was	my	Each week we check which of these words your child can read in under 2sec so that we know that these words are memorised and in their long term memory.		

Maths Pots

The maths pots have been a HUGE HIT with the children they have loved sharing the different quantities they have found at home.



Please can you help us collect more pots so that EVERYONE across the whole of the Foundation unit has their own maths tub. We'd be really grateful if you can collect empty tall Pringle crisp pots and bring them in to us following the school closure. We will decorate them with the children and then distribute. Thank you for the pots which have already started to be brought in!

Forest School Information

Forest School has developed across the last two terms even during all of that wonderful COLD, WET WEATHER!!



Just look at the fun your children had in the rain.



Forest school is an amazing opportunity for all children as it helps develop their confidence resilience, language, physical skills, creativity and much more. Although we wear the school waterproofs when it's wet and muddy, your child will need extra clothes to keep them warm or if it is a particularly hot day they will need a long sleeved top to protect them from the branches.

You will be informed when your child is taking part in a Forest School session. Please can you ensure your child has a long sleeved top added into their P.E bag ready for their Forest School sessions.

Community Working Together

We are working with Jane from Asda again. She is just AMAZING and brings so many experiences to the children. This time we have been looking at different healthy foods and using the food items to create designs and structures. We have decorated our own plant pots and sown our own cress seeds. We have even tasted a range of cheeses....'Red Leicester' being the most popular, blue cheese and goats cheese didn't go down well! Next term we will work with Jane again to learn how to make healthy pizzas.



Our Gardening Project

In the Foundation Stage garden we now have two planters, a small green house and planted wellingtons. Our planters will soon be filled with the sunflowers, cornflowers, peas, potatoes, carrots, parsnips, tomatoes, salad leaves seeds we have been sowing. Also wild flower seeds, new bushes and new trees have been planted across forest school. The saplings we have planted within forest school are cherry trees, maple trees, willow trees and rowan trees.



Home Learning

Auditory and Visual Memory skill sites - try some of these games that we have used in class.

<https://www.mentalup.co/memory-games> (The free versions!)

<https://speechbloguk.com/games-to-improve-auditory-memory>

Home learning is given out every week. It is very important that your child is given the opportunity to carry out their home learning activities at some point during the week, to consolidate and enhance the learning that takes place in school.

Please remember to check your child's Reading & Contact Book daily for any additional information.

Spirals

We now have two Spirals sessions every morning and afternoon. The aim is to develop effective language and communication skills which will underpin a range of critical thinking, reasoning and social competency skills as well as increased ability to listen, maintain focus and learn effectively. It has been shown that improvements in levels of spoken language can have a positive impact on written literacy. These two web sites have a number of resources for parents linked to children's communication skills.

<http://www.literacytrust.org.uk/talk-to-your-baby>

<http://www.wordsforlife.org.uk/3-5>

P.E Sessions

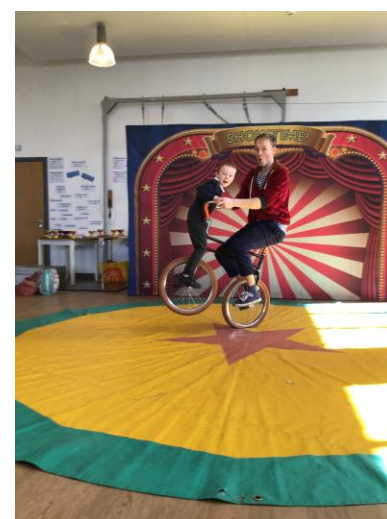
Thank you for bringing in P.E bags, the children in F2 are getting so fast at changing now and F1 children are getting very pleased that they can put on their own socks, shoes and jumpers. The coat flip challenge was FANTASTIC and all F1's can now put on their own coats. Brilliant work, thank you for continuing this challenge at home with your child. Please do keep encouraging your child to put on their own socks. Morning F1 children have quickly engaged with P.E and they have loved demonstrating their jumping skills.



Groups across the Foundation Stage use the hall weekly on either a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday. Last half term the children in F2 Base 2 worked with the PE specialist Iain Patchett and this half term Base 1 will be working with Ian every Wednesday afternoon. The children have looked at a range of physical games, gymnastics skills when jumping off equipment and next we will be exploring ball skills

Motor Control through Circus Skills and Planting

Last Thursday was an AMAZING day for the children. They had an introduction into circus skills which they just loved. I've added more photos onto the school Web site under the Foundation Stage pages, please take a look. <http://haytorview.devon.sch.uk/>



Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter and for providing your continued support.

Following the creation of this newsletter school closure has now taken place and you will be facing the challenges presented by Coronavirus alongside families across the country. Be assured that we continue to be ready to support your learning at home and to receive photos, comments and questions. Just check out our website at www.haytorview.devon.sch.uk and keep in touch!

From all of the team in the Foundation Stage and beyond – keep safe, we look forward to seeing you soon.

