

# FS2 Spring 2 Newsletter

This half term we are looking forward to launching our new curriculum. The focus for this half term will be conservation and below is an outline of what your child will be learning.



## What On Earth...?

### Living Things

This week we will focus on the world of living things, through sorting and naming. We will also learn about different habitats.

### Big Things

This week we will identify words that mean 'big'. We will explore the term 'giant' and learn about giant things.

### Small Things

This week we will investigate a range of small things. We will categorise them e.g. small wooden things.

### Old Things

This week we will identify a range of old and new things and their similarities and differences. We will also learn about re-cycling.

### New Things

This week we will focus on the new things we all experience from a new toy to a new baby. We will share and explore the feelings associated with these new things



## English

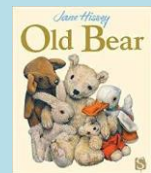
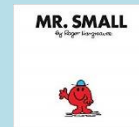
We will be helping your child to develop their interest in books by sharing rhymes and text together.

Our author of the term is: Julia Donaldson



We will also read:

- Non-fiction texts about living things
- Jack and the beanstalk – A traditional tale
- The Smartest Giant in Town by Julia Donaldson
- Mr. Small by Roger Hargreaves
- Old Bear by Jane Hissey



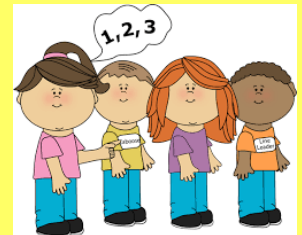
We have daily phonics sessions; this half term we will continue to focus on blending sounds to read words and segmenting sounds when writing words.

## Maths

We believe that learning through play and experiencing practical activities is the best way for our children to develop their mathematical skills.

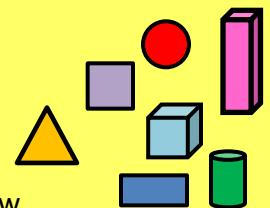
This half term we will be developing your child's mathematical skills by:

- Saying the number that is 1 more and 1 less
- Exploring ways to make numbers 1 – 10
- Recognising, naming and describing shapes:
  - 2D – circle, square, triangle, rectangle, hexagon and octagon
  - 3D – cube, cuboid, sphere, cylinder, cone, pyramid
- Beginning to count in 10s to 100 (10, 20, 30, 40...)



Opportunities at home to learn about number, shape, space, sorting and matching:

- Count from 0 -20 and back to 0. Count beyond 20.
- Order events using time related words e.g. first, second, third, yesterday, today, tomorrow
- Play 'Guess my shape' e.g. I have 3 sides and 3 corners. What am I? (A triangle) I am a solid shape, I have 6 square faces. What am I? (A cube)



## Vocabulary to support your child

conservation

recycle

environment

living

non-living

habitats

care

respect

## Attendance and Punctuality

Our school attendance target is **97%**. In the first half of the spring term our attendance in FS2 was 95%. The school doors open at 8:40am and registration starts at 8:50am.

If your child is absent please contact the school office on: 0114 2697557.



## Message from FS2 Staff

Thank you for all your support last half term, it was great to see so many of you at Parents' evening. If you have any questions or comments about your child's learning then please speak to a member of the FS2 team.

