

Ash and Alder

FS Newsletter Spring 1, 2021

Happy New Year! We are sorry that some of you will not be in school this term, but we look forward to working with you in your very own homes. Just a reminder that our e-mails are ash@akroydon.trinitymat.org and alder@akroydon.trinitymat.org, if you would like to contact us. The focus of this half term is 'Hot and Cold'. This involves looking at seasonal changes and exploring winter and the changes in temperature. We will be doing lots of hands-on activities in and outside of the classroom, linking into the curriculum and the stories we read in class.

LITERACY

Reading

We will be looking at a selection of books over the half term which will generate lots of recall and language opportunities. We will be talking about characters and settings. Also, we will read a variety of books in our daily story sessions.

Writing

We will be doing lots of mark making (using various resources around the classroom) and drawing. We will be continuing to write initial sounds in words when completing adult-initiated activities. Once we have learnt more letter sounds, we will be using our phonics to write CVC words.

Mathematics

White Rose Maths

The focus for maths will be on the number zero, comparing numbers to five, composition of 4 and 5, plus comparing mass/capacity. This involves representing, comparing and composing these numbers. Children will continue to develop the understanding that all numbers are made up of smaller numbers. We will be using the language of heavy, heavier than, heaviest, light, lighter than, lightest to compare items, starting with items which have an obvious difference in weight.

Finally, we will encourage the children to build on their understanding of full and empty, to show half full, nearly full and nearly empty.



Phonics

We will continue to undertake phonics sessions twice a day; one in the morning and one in the afternoon.

We will also be learning more tricky words (words which cannot be sounded out).

Sounds learnt to date:

m, a, s, d, t, i, n, p, g, o, c, k, u, b, f, e.

l, h, sh, r, j, v, y, w, th, z, ch, x, qu.

We will be recapping the sounds previously taught and introducing some set 2 sounds which are:

ay, ee, igh, ow, oo, ar, or.

If you need any support with understanding phonics and how to support at home, please ask Miss Cross or Miss Halliday.

SUPPORT

Please support your child at home by:

- 1 more and 1 less counting at home.
- Singing counting songs and nursery rhymes on a daily basis will help develop language skills.
- Assisting children in hearing initial and other sounds in any objects and words found around the house.
- Ensuring children are becoming independent with dressing/undressing.

Other areas of the Early Years Foundation Stage

Communication and Language: We will be undertaking speaking and listening activities, following instructions, and using who, why, what, where and when questions, plus responding appropriately.

Physical Development: We will be playing team games, using co-operation, following instructions and turn taking, and developing muscles in our fingers to support writing.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development: We will be building confidence, self-selecting activities, also expressing feelings and emotions.

Understanding of the World: Hot and Cold: We will be looking at seasonal changes and explore winter and the changes in temperature. We will look at cold climates like how other countries are different whilst exploring ideas on hibernation and migration. We will enact stories from hot and cold countries and talk about climate, describing and asking questions about what we see. We will look at what a new year means and how other countries celebrate this differently. We will explore and talk about hot and cold and changes

Expressive Arts and Design: We will be exploring cool and warm colours, collage and paint in workshop with different materials and images and colour mixing. We will create art from different colour groups. Also, we will enjoy our polar role play area.

The Bulletin Board

For those in school -

Things to remember:

P.E. The school PE kit consists of a red polo t-shirt and black bottoms. PE will be **Thursday morning** and kit may be taken home to be washed at the end of the day.

Please put names in all items of clothing: jumpers, shirts, trousers, socks, shoes, wellies etc.

We will be e-mailing out daily Sway pages for those working at home.

Any questions, please see Miss Cross, Miss Halliday, Miss Capon or Miss Northrop.

IMPORTANT DATES



Storytelling Week - Monday 1st February
Children's Mental Health Week - Monday 1st February
Break up - Friday 12th February
School opens again - Monday 22nd February

Stories online: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/stories>
Alphablocks: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/games/alphablocks-games>
Numberblocks: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/numberblocks>

