

## Summer Term Newsletter

This half term our topic is 'Colour'. We will be exploring colour, weather and rainbows. We will then move onto the topic 'Do dragons exist?'. In this topic, we will be finding out about the fantastical world of dragons and castles. We will identify the different parts of a castle and learn about the people and animals that lived there. Here is some information about the things we will be covering in the areas of learning :



### Personal, Social and Emotional Development:

The children will be continuing to learn to help each other through sharing, taking turns and being kind to one another. They will be carrying out activities where they need to work together in their familiar colour groups and also in larger groups. We will encourage the children to think about each other's ideas.

### Physical Development

We will be concentrating on enhancing the children's fine motor skills through activities involving cutting, writing, drawing, threading and using one handed tools and equipment. During our outdoor and dance sessions we will be playing various games and team building activities to develop their social and physical skills. They will be encouraged to play safely and become aware of the space around them as they move.

## Communication and Language

The children will continue to develop good listening skills.

They will be encouraged to join in with stories and rhymes and be able to talk about what they have heard. They will also be able to understand and use prepositions such as 'behind', 'on top of'. We will also be developing their use of, and understanding of questions. They will learn and make use of new vocabulary and be encouraged to speak clearly.

## Literacy



The children will be developing their ability to recognise initial sounds in words and we will be looking at rhyme and alliteration. They will be sharing a range of fiction and non-fiction books. We shall focus on the key elements such as author, illustrator, characters, blurb, title and cover. We will look at a collection of books about dragons and enjoy listening to magical and enhancing tales. They will write for a variety of purposes and use a range of tools and materials. The children will be given daily opportunities to draw and paint .

## **Mathematics**

For our number work we will be focussing on one more and one less up to 10. The children will be encouraged to develop their number recognition skills, along with ordering and sequencing numbers. They will be able to develop their number skills through imaginative play in the nursery role play areas, puzzles/ jigsaws, and playing with numbers. The children will continue to carry out activities counting beyond 10, and also looking at shapes and patterns. We will also begin to use everyday language related to time and money through a variety of activities.



## **Understanding the World**

During this half term the children will be involved in making simple observations of seeds, plants, flowers, trees and using garden tools. They will continue to find out about life cycles of some animals. They will be encouraged to talk about their observations and develop an understanding of growth, decay and changes over time. The children will continue to develop their technological skills through use of various supporting programs on the computers, taking photographs using the digital cameras and using sound boxes to record their voices.

## Expressive Arts and Design



In music we will be learning new action songs and rhymes.

The children will explore different instruments and explore how sounds can be changed. They will be encouraged to

imitate and make their own movements in response to

different music. The children will be working creatively on a large and small scale using a variety of materials including

paint, chalk, crayons, pencils, play dough, foam and gel. They will learn to create observational drawings and develop their

collage techniques. They will be encouraged to develop their imaginative play and this will be supported through role play

areas, such as the home corner and garden centre, and

throughout different activities in the nursery. A variety of small world activities will be available on a daily to promote

children's imaginative play. Though all activities children will be encouraged to play co-operatively with others and

introduce a storyline into their play.

Please do not hesitate to ask if you have any questions about what your child is doing in school or any queries about how you can help support your child's learning at home.

Thank you Mrs. Bazeley & Mrs. Westwood