

Foundation Stage Summer 1 Newsletter

Topic

Our topic is 'The Great Outdoors'

Attendance

Regular attendance is essential to ensure uninterrupted progress and to enable children to exceed their potential. We actively involve the children in achieving this by holding weekly assemblies with a reward for each class who has 100% attendance. Certificates are awarded termly and yearly for all children who achieve 100%. With these rewards in place, the children wholeheartedly strive to be part of the winning class and the support of each other is a pleasure to see; please support your child and ensure they are regular attenders.

Well done to the following children who had 100% attendance last half term:

Abubacarr, Liam C, Paris E, Alfie T, Borys W, Ruby B, Faith D, Alfie D, Ellie G, Lacie M, Caitlyn M, Jaidan P, Olivia S, Briony S, Emilija V.

Good attendance is important because: your child needs to be in the academy to be able to learn and achieve; lessons are taught in a sequence and it can be difficult to catch up if a lesson is missed; children need to have relationships with others and to form lasting friendships; it develops a child's confidence to attempt new work and to work alongside others.

Pupil Reward Points

Being in the right place, at the right time, doing the right thing!

The reward scheme allows children to earn Frog points for showing 'Green Behaviour' which may consist of trying hard in their work, being courteous and polite (possibly holding a door open), showing respect to others, arriving at school in time for registration and having the correct uniform.

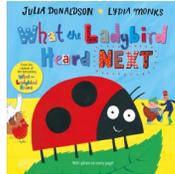
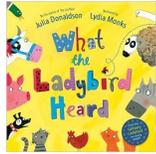
Frogs can be exchanged for prizes in the classroom.



Writing

Every half term, the Frogs and Spiders will be studying a specific story which will serve as a stimulus to their writing in Literacy lessons.

Pandas will be studying the books of Eric Carle including the **Very Hungry Caterpillar** and the **Very Busy Spider**.



Please feel free to bring in anything related to these topics :0)

Frogs and Spiders will be studying **What the Ladybird Heard** and **What the Ladybird Heard Next**. We will also be looking at non fiction books about mini beasts.



Maths

The Frogs and Spiders are learning to get better at **reasoning and doubling/halving problems** within the Maths. This enables the children to explain how they get their answers and explores their investigative skills. It is an essential skill to have! One way to help children use their reasoning skills is within questioning, such as:

- Can you elaborate...?
- Justify why...?
- How do you know...?
- Can you propose an alternative...?
- In your opinion...?
- Prove how you know...?

The Pandas will be looking at number work including addition and subtraction.



Reading

To promote *reading for pleasure*, we have reinstated Bug Club !

Bug Club is a fantastic online resource that allows reading to be interactive and exciting. It takes children on a personalised reading journey where the only limits are their imaginations. Not only does it allow children to read a range of books online, but it also delivers comprehension style questioning to promote children's understanding of the books that they have read.

Children in **Frogs and Spiders** can access the site at the address below.

www.activelearnprimary.co.uk

The school code is qqjk

User name is first name and initial e.g. David Beckham would be davidb

Password for all children is "frogs"



Outdoors and Weather!

We play outside in all weathers so please bring a change of clothes that can be left at school.

We have wellies and waterproofs in school but any donations of spares would be greatly appreciated.

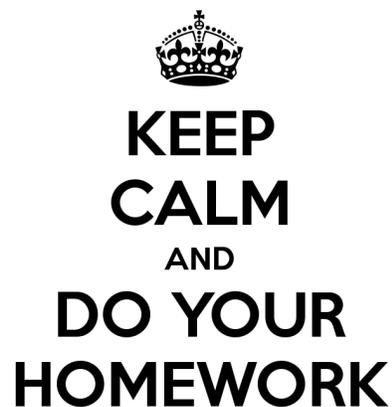


Chickens

We will be having some eggs and chicks visiting the classroom. Children will be having the opportunity to handle them,. If your child has any allergies that would prevent this please inform the class teacher.

Homework

Homework will be set each week on a Friday to be returned for the following Friday



Ensuring this is completed every week, children will be rewarded with a reward trip at the end of the term!

Baking

Our Baking Day is Friday.

Remember to keep up to date with us!

@EstcourtFS2 @EstcourtFS1

Blog: estcourtprimary.net

The children love having replies and retweets on our twitter accounts. A huge thank you to all of the families and friends that have followed us! Please continue to encourage our children by replying and commenting on our tweets.

Website: www.estcourtprimary.org.uk/

