

# Foundation Stage Spring 2 Newsletter

## 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 all the children who had 100% attendance last term.

Michelle, Ellie S, Tommy W, Chanelle, Jaydon, Travis and Andrew.

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 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.

We give Frog Points for Green Behaviour. For every ten points the children get a prize.



## Writing

This half term we are focussing on 'The Rainbow Fish'. We will be looking at a range of text types; including stories, letter writing and reports.

Big Writing each Friday allows the children to produce an independent piece of extended writing, to 'show off' what they know and have learnt.

We also have a daily guided reading session in which children do a range of activities such as focused work with the teacher, comprehension, phonics tasks and the use of ICT.

Your child has a home reading book. This book is appropriate for the level your child is secure at and is classed as an 'easy read' to give them confidence and help with their comprehension. We ask for you to write a comment in your child's reading journal based on how they read and find the text. Reading books are changed once a week.



## Maths

We have daily Maths sessions. Children will be focusing on the following areas over this half term: counting, writing, ordering and comparing numbers to 10.

We are learning to get better at **reasoning** 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:

Why do you think.....?

How would you test (check)....?

What way will you add.....?

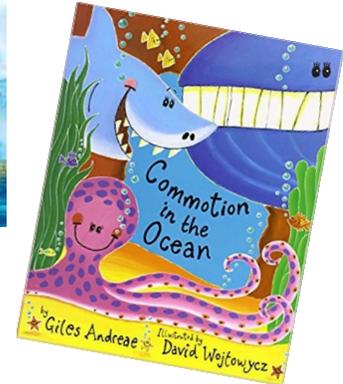
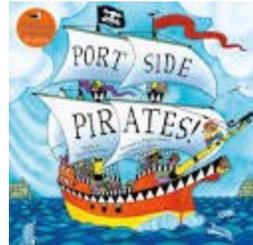
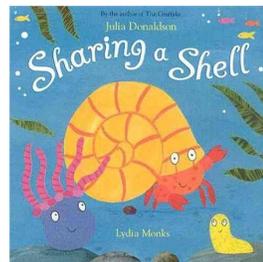
How would you use.....?

What can you say about.....?



## Our Topic is Under the Sea.

Some of the books we will be reading to support our Topic.



### Outside

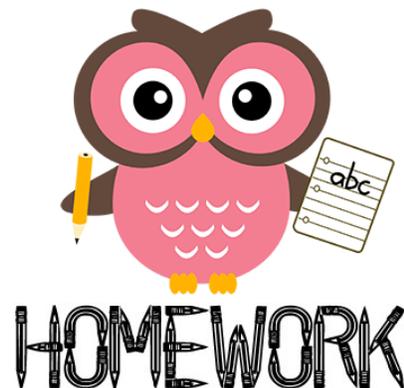
Although the Weather is getting better we can still have colder days. We play out whatever the weather so please ensure that your children have appropriate clothing and footwear for both inside and outside play.



### Homework

Homework will be set each week.

- Reading: each child will have their own reading book, which they will need to practise at home. Children are required to read 4 x a week at home.



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