

FS1 2021 Spring 1 Curriculum Newsletter









Physical Development

The children will be experiencing physical activity throughout the week through our movement and gross motor sessions. We are very lucky to have our own forest school at Braunstone. If you can, please bring a pair of wellies into school with your child.

Learning together at home:

Please encourage your child to put on their own coat and have a go with the zip. Playdough or playing with pasta at home can support children's hand control in preparation for holding a pencil. See ideas for developing fine motor skills uploaded to Tapestry for further ideas. If you are not registered with Tapestry and would like support please speak to us.

Our Topic:

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Books we will be reading this half term:

Communication and Language We will be learning lots of new words and their meanings through stories and conversations.

Concept Cat will teach us the meanings of the words in, out, under, behind, top and bottom

and we will be using these words within our environment. Language development and inter-

actions is the basis of our whole curriculum in FS1.

Focus stories: We're Going on a Bear Hunt, Lost and Found, Monkey

This half-term we will be listening to longer stories and can remember much of what hap-

Stories with Mrs Brewster: We love to read at school and will continue to develop a love of reading in FS1! Look out for story-time uploaded weekly onto Tapestry for you to share with

Maths

In Maths, we will be singing maths related songs, counting and reciting numbers past 5. We will be developing fast recognition of up to 3 objects and linking numerals with amounts up

Knowledge and Understanding of the World

We are understanding how people have different families and how different people live. We will talk about our own home lives and compare this to others. We will also look at the weather in different parts of our world and the habitats of different animals living there.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

If anyone would be happy with us having family photos in our environment, please bring them in. We would love to develop our room into a family environment. We will be developing our understanding of our relationships with everyone we know.

Phonics

In Phonics we will be developing our phonic awareness by spotting and suggesting rhymes, recognising words with the same initial sound by finding objects beginning with the same initial sound or playing games such as 'I Spy'. We will also meet 'Fred the frog' a character who can only say words by breaking down the sounds e.g. c-a-t. Fred will help the children to blend the sounds together which is an important stage when learning phonics.

Expressive Arts and Design

We will have the opportunity to draw our families as part of the theme 'Our World'. We will also be exploring collage and creating settings from the book' We're Going on a Bear Hunt'.