

# EYFS TOPIC NEWSLETTER

## Autumn Term 2022

### People Who Help Us (3 weeks – 2 weeks after half term)



We will be continuing our topic 'People who help us' after half term. During this topic, we will use the internet and non-fiction books to find out about different occupations. We will also invite visitors to come into school to speak to the children about their jobs and how they help others, including what to do in an emergency! In Maths, we will be continuing to practise our counting skills and recognising numbers. We are going to introduce the children to the language of same/equal, more and less.

### A Land Before Time (3 weeks)



In the first week of our new topic, the children will go and explore the outside areas to see if they can discover what was making the loud stomping noises! Throughout the topic, the children will be learning about the different types of dinosaurs, what they looked like, where they lived, what they ate, as well as many other interesting facts. The children will explore information books and we will write some facts together. They will make their own fossils, binoculars and ID badges ready for our topic's 'Fab Finish'. In the last week of our topic, the children will go on their exciting 'dinosaur dig' where they will become palaeontologists and hunt for fossils.

In Maths, the children will explore what makes a pattern and have a go at making their own. The children will use the terms longer, shorter, full and empty. As well as exploring and identifying 2D shapes.

At the end of this topic, we will spend the last two weeks of term engaging in Christmas or winter activities, which form our short 'Jingle Bells' topic. The children will enjoy learning Christmas songs and have lots of fun making cards and other festive crafts.

# Home Learning Activity

For the children's first home learning project, we would like them to learn about dinosaurs and create something to share with their friends. Let them use their imaginations: they could draw or paint a picture of a dinosaur, make a fossil, learn facts about dinosaurs to share with the class or create a paper mache dinosaur, for example.

Please ensure your child's home learning is sent into school by Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December so that we have time for the children to share their home learning with the class. All of the home learning will be celebrated and the children will receive a certificate for taking part.

## Focus Author



Each half term we learn about an author and we read a range of their books. We are continuing to focus on Oliver Jeffers who wrote various books, including 'Lost and found' and 'How to catch a star'. If you haven't already done so, it would be fantastic if you could share any books by this author at home or visit the local library to borrow books.

## Diary Dates

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November – Flu Immunisations

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November – Children in Need – Non-school uniform

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November – Inset Day

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November – Inset Day

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December- Home learning due date

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December – Dino Dig

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December – Christmas Fair (4:00pm - 6:00pm)

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas jumper day and Christmas lunch

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas party day (children can wear party clothes.)

**\*\*A letter will be sent home with any additional dates nearer the time\*\***

# P.E.

*During this half term, the children will be learning to improve their agility, balance and coordination through stories and games.*

*PE days are as follows:*

*Monday – Ladybirds*

*Tuesday – Bumblebees*

*Wednesday – Dragonflies*

*Thursday – Butterflies*

*Please help us to keep your child safe by removing their earrings on PE days, otherwise they will be unable to take part in these sessions. Please also ensure that if your child has long hair it is tied back, their PE kit is in school and all clothes are clearly labelled with their name.*

*Your child's PE kit will be sent home at the end of the half term to be washed. Please return it ready for the first week back after half term. Please use this time to check that all of their clothes still fit and that they are clearly labelled, as labels can often fade or fall out.*

*Thank you for your continued support.*

## *The Early Years Team*

*Miss Gale, Miss Myers, Miss Smith, Miss Ramsden, Mrs Young, Mrs Young, Mrs Sims, Mrs Lewis, Mrs Gould, Mrs Kitching, Mrs Heeks, Mrs Coleman and Mrs Dickson.*