

Foundation Stage Curriculum Newsletter

Spring Term 2020

A big WELL DONE! To all of our new January intake children in Nursery and a warm welcome back to all our Foundation Stage children.



Our Topic for this term for **Nursery** is

Journeys and Transport!

We will be learning about a range of stories that include journeys e.g. 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' and all activities will be centred around this main theme. Each week, your child/ren will bring home a homework sheet which will highlight the text your child has focused on.

Our Topic for this term for **Reception** is

From A to B!

This week our Reception children were surprised to see a hot air balloon in the classroom as part of the new learning areas. We will be looking at a wide variety of texts that will be linked to the new theme. This will include a range of non-fiction and fiction linked to the 'Talk for Writing' programme.

Literacy

Nursery:

Children will be encouraged to read for pleasure during their 'choosing time' and when they visit the library. They will also be practising recognising their own name and given lots of opportunities to mark make. They will listen to lots of stories linked to journeys and be encouraged to talk about these in small groups. They will also be given lots of opportunity for role play so that they can re-enact the focus story and develop their communication skills.

Reception:

We will be extending the 'Talk For Writing' programme in Reception where the focus is on children imitating known stories, innovating and inventing their own ideas. The emphasis will be on children inventing their own stories using basic and extended sentences. We will be sending home story maps to support your child in retelling the story to you including examples of word lists that your child can use to develop sentences at home. Daily Phonics lessons will be taking place where your child will be learning letters and sounds. Each week your child will bring home the

Learning In the Foundation Stage

In Nursery and Reception, most of our learning takes place through play. The areas within our indoor & outdoor areas are continually enhanced to ensure that children have access to a variety of resources & to give opportunities for extended learning to take place. This will include; role play, malleable play (dough), construction, mark making, physical activities the list goes on! We also have daily whole class learning for literacy and mathematics as well small group learning for phonics. The planned activities include a balance between adult and child initiated activities.

Mathematics

Nursery:

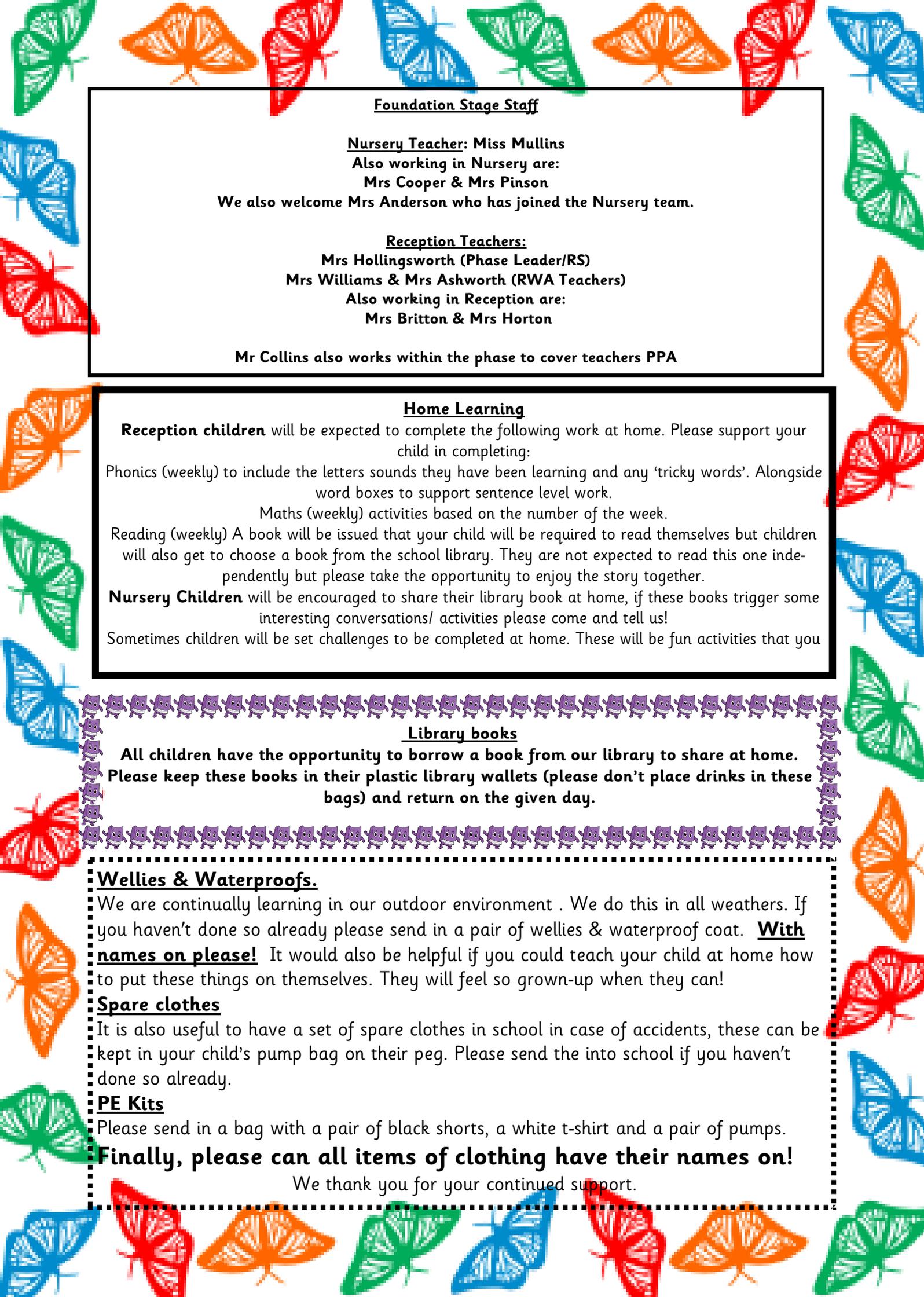
Children will learn lots of number songs & rhymes linked to the new theme and be encouraged to join in.

Children will be practising counting at every opportunity. They will be encouraged to look for numbers in their environment and will begin to talk about the shapes of some objects. They will also be encouraged to talk about the size and weight of objects using everyday language.

Reception:

Children will learn how to recognise numbers 1-20 and count accurately up to 20, match a correct quantity to a number & begin to add and subtract with confidence. They will also talk about the properties of shapes and use the associated language in relation to measuring, size and capacity.

We will extend knowledge of patterns in the environment and recreate our own repeating pattern. We will encourage your child to explain their answers in order to develop knowledge and reasoning.



Foundation Stage Staff

Nursery Teacher: Miss Mullins

Also working in Nursery are:

Mrs Cooper & Mrs Pinson

We also welcome Mrs Anderson who has joined the Nursery team.

Reception Teachers:

Mrs Hollingsworth (Phase Leader/RS)

Mrs Williams & Mrs Ashworth (RWA Teachers)

Also working in Reception are:

Mrs Britton & Mrs Horton

Mr Collins also works within the phase to cover teachers PPA

Home Learning

Reception children will be expected to complete the following work at home. Please support your child in completing:

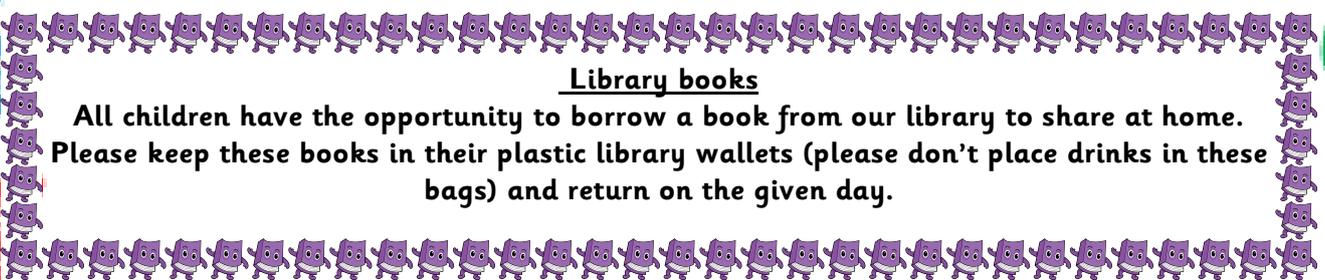
Phonics (weekly) to include the letters sounds they have been learning and any 'tricky words'. Alongside word boxes to support sentence level work.

Maths (weekly) activities based on the number of the week.

Reading (weekly) A book will be issued that your child will be required to read themselves but children will also get to choose a book from the school library. They are not expected to read this one independently but please take the opportunity to enjoy the story together.

Nursery Children will be encouraged to share their library book at home, if these books trigger some interesting conversations/ activities please come and tell us!

Sometimes children will be set challenges to be completed at home. These will be fun activities that you



Library books

All children have the opportunity to borrow a book from our library to share at home.

Please keep these books in their plastic library wallets (please don't place drinks in these bags) and return on the given day.



Wellies & Waterproofs.

We are continually learning in our outdoor environment . We do this in all weathers. If you haven't done so already please send in a pair of wellies & waterproof coat. **With names on please!** It would also be helpful if you could teach your child at home how to put these things on themselves. They will feel so grown-up when they can!

Spare clothes

It is also useful to have a set of spare clothes in school in case of accidents, these can be kept in your child's pump bag on their peg. Please send the into school if you haven't done so already.

PE Kits

Please send in a bag with a pair of black shorts, a white t-shirt and a pair of pumps.

Finally, please can all items of clothing have their names on!

We thank you for your continued support.