

Week Beginning: 13th January 2025

Our Topic is.....
Pirates!

Next week, we will be learning about.....

Topic:

We will begin to explore materials and sort them by their properties. We will look at plastic, wood, glass, metal and fabric and identify objects that are made from these materials in our classroom.

Phonics:

We will learn to recognise the sounds oo (zoom to the moon), oo (hook a book), ar (march in the dark), or (born with a horn). Using familiar sounds, we will learn to orally segment and blend words that contain these new digraphs (2 letters that make one sound) and trigraphs (3 letters that make one sound). The tricky words we will learn are: was, you, they.

Maths:

This week, the children will continue to engage with activities that draw attention to the purpose of counting – to find out ‘how many’ objects there are. Adults will need to continue to name the objects being counted to emphasise the numerosity of the set, e.g. *Would you please collect 6 crayons and bring them to me?* The children will also revisit the concept of cardinality – that the last number in the count tells us how many things there are **ALTOGETHER**. They will continue to be provided with opportunities to hear, join in with and develop their knowledge of the counting sequence.

How you could help your child at home:

- Read with your child daily.
- Daily practise of the phonemes we have learnt this week. Use the flash cards to make CVVC and CCVVC words.
- Ask the children to build towers from blocks or interlocking cubes to match numeral card (1-5). *Can you put them in order? Which tower comes first? What do you notice? Where can you see the ‘1 more’?*
- Identify objects and their material from around your home (wood, plastic, fabric, metal, glass). What do the materials feel like? How do you know that object is made using this material?

Reminders:

- **Show and Tell:** Each week we will select one group from each class to share something. This might be an item from home, favourite toy, photographs or just a familiar story. Each child in the group will have 5 minutes to talk to the class, sharing why this item is important to them, before answering questions from their friends.
Show and Tell Groups on Friday 17th January – Tigers and Owls
- **Greenland Forest School:** Don't forget to bring in a bag for the children's forest school clothing. Please put a pair of school shoes in their bag so they can wear these after the forest school session.
- **Phase 3 EYFS Phonics Breakfast - Wednesday 15th January 8:20-9:10am in the Hive:** Come along and find out what is next in phonics.

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