

WC 5th February 2024

Our Topic is.....
The Great Outdoors!

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

Topic: Next week we will be reading 'The Ugly Five' by Julia Donaldson. We will create a story map to help us retell the poem. We will then perform our poem to the class and use musical instruments to emphasis the beat and rhythm.

Phonics: This week we will learn to read longer words. We use the process of 'chunking'. This involves use chunking the word into smaller sections. Example: sunset s-u-n/s-e-t

Maths: The comparison of quantities is something that children begin to do as babies. When comparing, children notice attributes and begin to understand differences and similarities. The activities this week will focus on further developing this innate skill as the children are encouraged to focus exclusively on the numerosity of sets, without being diverted by colour, shape or size. They will then be encouraged to notice when quantities are equal or unequal, and will begin to consider how they can manipulate the number of objects in 2 sets to make them equal. Language is a key focus and adults will need to reinforce the language of 'more than', 'fewer than' and 'an equal number' to describe how many objects there are in each set. 'Fewer than' is used rather than 'less than', as the focus is on countable things.

How you could help your child at home:

- Enjoy listening to your child reading their phonics book with you at home and read for pleasure with them as much as possible.
- Continue to read and practise phonics sounds with your child.
- 'What was good about your day?' – Encourage your child to focus on what they enjoyed about their day rather than recalling what they did.
- Offer opportunities for the children to build towers. I wonder – do the tallest towers always have the most blocks?
- Explore the phase 3 phonics resources that have been added to the school website
Link: Fulbourn website - our curriculum - early years – phonics in the early years

Reminders:

- **Reading Books:** The children will bring home a reading book this week. Please continue to read with your child every day.
- **Parents Evening:** Don't forget to book your parents evening slot.
- **Lost Property:** We have a few items in Greenland and Lapland which we cannot return to their owner, because they do not have a name label. If you are missing hats, gloves and forest school jumpers then please let us know.

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