

WC 25th March 2024

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

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

Topic: Next week we will be performing Joseph Coelho's poem *The Laugh*. We will explore the rhyming words in the poem and practice performing it to the class.

Phonics: Next week we will be reading words that contain two or more digraphs and words that end in -s and -es. We will be reviewing the tricky words 'they', 'all', 'by', 'my', 'are', 'sure', 'pure'.

Maths: Next week, the children will use practical contexts to sort objects according to different criteria. They will be encouraged to notice different attributes in groups of objects – such as colour, size or function – and to describe what they notice. Beginning with adult-led sorting activities and games of 'How am I sorting?', the children will go on to develop their own criteria for sorting. Sorting and classifying are important early years' skills that encourage children to identify similarities and differences. These skills also support problem solving and the development of data analysis.

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.
- Practice writing some words that include the phase 3 trigraphs. E.g. light, fighting, hair, hear.
- Play a game of 'Spot the funny one'. Create a set of objects with a matching criterion (e.g. colour, size, function) and include 1 item that doesn't match the other objects in the set. Which object is 'the funny one'? Why?

Reminders:

- **Reading Books:** We will be collecting in the children's reading books on Thursday, for the Easter break. Please continue to enjoy a range of books at home and practise the phase 3 sounds using the flash cards.
- **Up Cycling:** Next week we will be exploring our impact on the environment and how we can reuse and recycle items from around the home. If you have any old items, clothes, small pieces of furniture at home that we can upcycle, please bring them in at the beginning of next week. We are always happy to rehome unloved items. How about old wire baskets, watering cans or even a fish tanks – Thank you.
- **Junk Modelling:** As part of our recycle, reuse and reduce lessons next week we will be repurposing left over materials. If you have any 'clean' items in your recycling box, then please bring them in next week. I.e. cardboard boxes, cereal boxes, plastic cartons, egg cartons, packaging.

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