

Monkleigh FSU Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn Term 2021

We hope you have all had a wonderful Summer holiday and been able to get outside and enjoy spending time with friends and family. We're keeping our fingers crossed for a smooth return to normal school routine this term with classes able to mix again. We're pleased to let you know that the children will continue to have PE on a Monday afternoon with Mrs Wilson. Please send children to school in PE kit every Monday. On a Thursday afternoon Butterflies will join Class 1 for a Forest School session. Please send children in old clothes for the day and make sure your child has wellies and full waterproofs in school for this. The children will come home in these clothes at the end of the day.

Our Learning this Term:

This half term we will focus on settling the children into the routine and encouraging them to listen and take turns, enjoy listening to stories and actively engaging in the environment.

Our topic for this term is 'All About Me' where the children will be learning about and naming different parts of the body, thinking about how they have changed since they were babies and talking about similarities and differences.

In Maths, the children will be learning to recognise and count numbers to 5, 2D shapes, number rhymes, sequencing and patterns.

Our phonics will follow the Read Write Inc scheme, teaching the children set 1 of the letter sounds; hearing the initial sounds in words, recognising the letters and practising how to form the letters.

Parent Meetings:

We will be holding 'settling in' meetings for the new Caterpillars on Monday 20th September. Jodie will contact the parents of these children to arrange a time with you.

We will also be offering a meeting for all Butterfly and Caterpillar parents. This will focus on the new EYFS curriculum and how you can support your child with their learning at all.

Butterfly Parents Meeting – Thursday 23rd September at 2:30pm

Caterpillar Parents Meeting – Monday 27th September at 2:30pm

How can you support your child with learning at home?

We have a very strong focus in FSU on developing the children's love for reading and listening to stories and developing their vocabulary. This is something you could also support with at home by sharing lots of stories and encouraging your child to talk about the stories; talking about the front cover, what they liked about it, what is happening in the pictures, etc. Learning and singing nursery rhymes is also a really important way to help children with their future reading skills. These could also include number rhymes.

All children in the FSU will choose 2 library books to bring home in their book bags on a weekly basis. They will also have a Reading Diary. Please record books that you have read with your child and what they enjoyed about the book or talked about as you were reading.

The children will be learning about numbers to 5. We will teach the children to recognise up to 5 dots without counting to know how many there are, this is called subitising. Playing games involving dice and dominoes is a wonderful way to support this at home.

Class Dojo

Thank you to everyone who has accepted their Dojo invitations. Dojo is a fantastic for enabling us all to keep in touch. We will endeavour to respond to your messages as soon as possible. As we are teaching, we cannot always respond to your message straight away. Please always contact the School Office if it is urgent.

Mrs Hinchliffe and Mrs Emptage – Job Share

Mrs Hinchliffe and Mrs Emptage share the teaching of FSU over the week. Mrs Emptage is in school on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays and Mrs Hinchliffe works with FSU on a Tuesday and Wednesday.

We look forward to seeing you very soon. Please always contact us if you have any concerns or questions.

The FSU Team