

Monkleigh FSU Curriculum Newsletter

Summer 2 2021

We hope that you had a wonderful half term break and that you are looking forward to a sunny and fun term! The children have all settled back to school well and are ready to learn!

We are keeping our fingers crossed for a warm summer term! Please remember to send your little ones into school with sun cream applied and with a sunhat. Parents of Caterpillars, please remember to provide your child with some fruit for a healthy snack.

Mrs Wilson will be teaching PE on Mondays. The children can come to school dressed in their PE kit and trainers every Monday.

Our learning for this term:

This term in Maths our focus is on number bonds and number facts for numbers 1-10. We will be looking at the different ways that numbers can be added to make these numbers. We will also have an emphasis on doubling and halving numbers to 10. We will be focusing on using different ways to represent the numbers – for example using Numicon, holding fingers up and using numerals. We continue to count forwards and backwards to past 20. We are also working on recognising the numbers 11-20.

Our Theme for this term is 'Splash' during this topic we will be learning about: Under the Sea – creatures living under the sea; The Seaside and Pirates. If you have any buckets, spades, sunglasses, flip flops, empty ice cream tubs, ice cream scoops, under the sea toys or teddies that you are looking to rehome we have a home for them!

As you are out and about during half term, please encourage your children to look closely at rockpools and creatures in the sea. We'd love to see any discoveries either brought into school or photographed and sent via dojo.

We also have a postcard challenge! Lots of children have been telling us that they are heading away on holiday. It would be really lovely if they could send a postcard to Monkleigh FSU from where they have been. This could be from any local areas too. The school address is:

Monkleigh FSU
Monkleigh Primary School
Monkleigh
Bideford
EX39 5JY

Parents Meeting for Parents of Younger Caterpillars:

There will be a parent meeting offered to all parents of the younger Caterpillars (those who haven't had a meeting yet) on Monday 21st June from 1:00 – 2:30. This meeting will take place via Zoom. Please keep an eye out for the Parentmail form and letter.

Face to Face Meetings:

We would like to invite parents of children who will be in Butterflies in September 2021 for a face to face meeting on Thursday 8th July at 3pm. Your children are welcome to accompany you. During this meeting we will talk to you about the curriculum and your child's transition into their Reception year. There will be a chance to come and have a look at our provision and ask questions.

How you can support your child with their learning at home:

Parents of Caterpillars:

Please continue to refer to the 'School Readiness' checklist that we sent home. Developing independence with going to the toilet; getting dressed; putting coats on and organising belongings is the key.

The children have been working hard on counting in class. Please look for everyday opportunities to work on this at home. It might be counting steps as you walk; counting objects, counting toys or counting peas on a plate!

Another skill that the children are getting good at is showing different numbers on their fingers – challenge them to quickly show you numbers 1-5 on their fingers. Which is the largest number? Which is the smallest number?

The children love to play Fred Games – as you will have discovered during home learning! Encourage them to develop their Fred Talk skills by breaking words into 'Fred Talk' for example sock s-o-ck.

Parents of Butterflies:

The children are doing so incredibly well with their reading. Please listen to them read at home as much as possible. Reading books will come home after every 4th RWI lesson. The children will be familiar with the books and stories by the time they bring them home. Please work on reading with fluency and expression with your child.

We hope that you are becoming familiar with the 'Red Words' those words that cannot be sounded out and just have to be learnt by sight. We are reviewing the children's reading of the Red Words every Friday. When they have shown that they can read a set of Red Words they will then be asked to work on writing that set of words at home. Once they have shown they can write them, they will move onto the next set.

The first set of Red Words had suggestions of games to play to help the children learn them. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions about this.

It is also very important that you continue to read stories to the children – this will develop and extend their vocabulary.

The children love to play the Topmarks maths games <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/3-5-years/counting> so if you ever have any spare time at home to work on these it will make a real difference.

Any work on recognising numbers up to 20 in the everyday environment will also really help the children – this might include spotting road signs, bus numbers and numbers on posters or in shops.

We have been working on numbers that are one less and one more than a given number. This could be consolidated during counting activities – for example: ‘can you count 11 chocolate buttons, if I eat one there is one less, how many is there now?’

Thank you for everything that you do to support your child’s learning at home – it really does make a difference.

Focus Vocabulary for the term:

The focus vocabulary triangles linked to Splash have been posted on Class Dojo and on the website. The triangles outline the words that we will be teaching and reviewing with the children.

Maths Vocabulary:

The children are rising to the challenge of learning new maths words. They are becoming extremely confident with explaining the meaning of the words and using them in their everyday discussions and explanations.

This term our focus vocabulary is: **first, then, now, add, plus, equals, same as, subtract, take away, double, share**

As the children really enjoy it, we will be continuing with our word of the week challenge. Please ask your child what the word of the week is and discuss the meaning of the word at home. We challenge the children to use the word of the week as much as possible. Please let us know if your child has worked hard on using the word of the week at home.

Key Texts and Word of the Week:

Week	Text	Word of the Week
Week 1	The Rainbow Fish	Submerge
Week 2	Fatou Fetch the Water	Compound
Week 3	Sally and the Limpet	Suction
Week 4	Seaside Poems	Verse
Week 5	Pirate Stories	Port
Week 6	Pirate Stories	Starboard

Can you help us?

We have been working really hard on developing our inside learning areas and are really proud of how the children are accessing the learning environment. Now we are turning our attention to the outdoor areas. If you have any flexible tubes, tarpaulin and den making equipment or any other interesting things that you are looking to pass on we would very much appreciate them!

We are keen to provide the children with opportunities to developing their balance and cycling skills. In order to achieve this, we are going to start building a collection of balance and pedal bikes, scooters and skateboards. If you have any of these items looking for a new home Monkleigh FSU could be it! We are also going to develop a bank of helmets – again if you have any that you no longer require please bear us in mind!

