# Week 7- 16<sup>th</sup> October This week In Oak class:

## <u>Maths</u>

We are continuing to look at simple patterns.

The children have enjoyed looking for patterns in the classroom and around the school. They have used resources to make patterns and we will continue this next week.

We will go outside and create patterns out of natural resources too.

We will also be using our bodies to create patterns-clapping, stomping, jumping,

## **Expressive Arts and Design**

We are reading stories that the children are familiar with so that they can join in with reading it.

Dear Zoo

Rod Campbell

We now have a listening station with a CD player playing songs for the children to sing along and dance to.

We are going to continue looking at colours and create a Matisse inspired collage using different coloured paper.

#### **Communication and Language**

This week we are going to continue to look at the date and learn the days of the week.

We are working hard at sitting on the carpet during our phonics session- this is a very short session at the moment while the children get used to sitting.

#### Personal, Social and Emotional development

We are going to look at the Colour Monster story again this week and exploring another feeling - sadness. We are talking about how it is ok to feel this emotion and what we can do to help ourselves and each other when we are feeling like this? We will continue to use the calm area in our classroom as a place to go if we are feeling sad and need some space on our own.

We are playing games in small groups and focusing on the children getting to know each other and their names.

We are going to continue to talk about the Kindness Badger and how we cans how kindness.

#### <u>Phonics</u>

Now we know the names of the pictures for each sound, we are learning the next five letter sounds e,l,h,r,j We have also started to use the sounds to make words using magnetic letters and boards You can watch the videos for these sounds on our school's virtual classroom on our website:

https://www.loxwoodschool.com/web/phonics\_and\_early\_readi ng/635274

### Writing

Mark making activities, we are writing the letter sounds e,l,h,r,j in the sand, using big chalk to write on the floor outside.

We are using pencils and pens to write and draw on paper.

Mark making in different areas of learning.

## **Understanding of the world**

We are still using our 'This is me' books to talk about ourselves and our families.

We will look at the festival of Yom Kippur and learn that this is a festival that Jewish people celebrate.

We are using the song 'head, shoulders, knees and toes' to label body parts.

#### **Physical Development**

The children continue to explore inside and outside- gross motor skills outside.

We have begun to change for PE on a Tuesday- we are starting with changing our shoes. Please encourage your child to do this independently at home too.

We have now introduced mini white boards and pens for those children who want to start writing letters.