People who help us-Oak class-Spring term

Week beginning 10th March

<u>Math</u>

We will consolidate our understanding of the composition of numbers by investigating the numbers within 7. Composing and de-composing numbers involves the children investigating part-part-whole relations, e.g. seeing that 7 can be made of 5 and 2. The children will deepen their understanding of a whole being made up of smaller parts through games and practical experiences.

We will use the language of '7 is made of 5 and 2' and '2 and 5 are the parts and 7 is the whole'.

We will also be talking about patterns- we will recognise that a pattern is repeating. We will explore patterns, both visual and auditory.

We will look for patterns in our environment as well.

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Understanding of the world

We will be looking this week to see if we can spot any signs of spring in our school environment.

As part of our topic 'people who help us' this week we will be learning about Firefighters and the job that they do. Alongside our home corner, there will be a fire station outside to role play being a firefighter.



Communication and Language

This half term, we will continue to think about how to ask questions.

We might have some special visitors with whom we can practise our questioning skills on!

This week, we are learning all about being a firefighter and will learn lots of vocabulary to go along with this. The adults in the class will lead the play to begin with to encourage the use of this vocabulary before stepping back and letting the children take

Personal, Social and Emotional development

As part of our topic on relationships this half term, over the next two weeks, we are going to talk about friends and that sometimes friends fall out. We will explore what a friend is and how to be a good friend.

Using stories, we will look at conflict resolution and how to make up when we fall out with our friends.

Small world people will be out for the children to use in their play if they choose to do so.



Phonics

Children are now mostly working on the two letter sounds (diagraphs) and using these when sounding out and reading words.

Within their specific phonics group they will be learning their next set of sounds and reading the coloured book that supports this. You can watch the videos for the letter sounds on our school's virtual classroom on our website:

https://www.loxwoodschool.com/web/phonics_and_early_reading/635274

<u>Literacy</u>

Drawing club- this term in Drawing Club, we will continue to encourage daily mark making with the children talking us through what they have drawn.

The children will now have a daily challenge of a letter sound, word or phrase to add into their picture to begin to move their writing on.

This week we are writing about being a firefighter.

Expressive Arts and Design

Our artist this term is Seurat. During the half term we will look at pointillism. This week we are going to use paint dabbers to create dotty pictures.

Role play- We will be opening the 'Oak class Fire station.' The children will be encouraged to use vocabulary and language that is used in a fire station to help them to learn about the role of a firefighter in their community.

Physical Development

Our PE day is on WEDNESDAY with Mr Green-Your children are working hard to change into their PE kits. Please encourage your child to change their clothes independently at home for practise.

This half term we will be focusing on games that support our Gross Motor control- for example- throwing and catching, aiming balls at a target,

Funky fingers- for those children who need to strengthen their finger muscles, they are taking part in funky fingers activities which are activities designed to strengthen the fine motor control in their fingers which supports their pencil grip.

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