



KERESFORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL
INFORMATION FOR PARENTS/CARERS
SPRING 1 2018
NURSERY – CLASS DINOSAUR

Our topics this half term is 'The Polar regions'.

Communication, Language and Literacy	<p>The children will develop and extend their vocabulary based on winter, the Polar regions, art and Chinese New Year. We will also be working on listening carefully to sounds, identifying rhyming words and recognising some letters as part of phase 1 phonics. The children will be encouraged to look at environmental print and give meaning to marks that they make when drawing/painting. They will be encourage to continue to recognise and write their name with more independence. We will also be working hard to develop our understanding of vocabulary (particularly question words).</p> <p>At home – <i>Encourage your child to recognise their own name and talk about the print that you see in the environment e.g. signs & labels. Share stories together and talk about events, characters and settings. Have discussions at home about the things you have seen on Early Essence. Model vocabulary wherever you are.</i></p>
Mathematical Development	<p>The children will be continuing to take part in maths group time where they will develop key mathematical concepts including reciting numbers, counting accurately, recognising numerals, addition and shapes.</p> <p>At home- <i>Practise counting objects carefully, saying a total and showing an amount on fingers. Point out numerals and shapes in the environment to develop recognition.</i></p>
Understanding the World	<p>We will be learning about seasonal changes (winter) as well as the Arctic and Antarctica. We will also be learning about Chinese New Year just before half term.</p> <p>. At home – <i>Talk about things that you have done at the weekend to increase their confidence of talking about events.</i></p>
Expressive Art and Design	<p>The children will use a variety of media (self-selected) to create different art work related to our weekly themes. We will also be having an 'art week' focussing on the story 'The Dot' where we will be producing a range of artwork in different media and self-assessing our own work.</p> <p>At home – <i>Encourage children to identify colours and explore what happens when they mix colours. Talk about textures.</i></p>

Physical Development	<p>The children will be encouraged to develop their self-help skills-dressing, using the toilet & washing hands independently. We will be continuing to practice name writing and letter formation on a morning where children will be encouraged to recognise their name and hold their pencil using a strong, correct grip. We are also going to be focussing on correct scissor use and effective scissor use.</p> <p>At home – <i>Help children to practice writing their names. Practise using scissors. Get them to put on and take of their own clothes (coats, scarves, gloves, hats and shoes in particular).</i></p>
Personal, Social, & Emotional	<p>The children will be encouraged to develop independence, selecting and using their own resources and tidying up after themselves. There will be a lot of focus on turn taking as the children get to know each other and get used to sharing with lots of other children. During circle time we will be talking about past events, playing team games and thinking about what we are good at. At home – <i>Encourage children to select and tidy away their own toys, encourage them to listen to others when they are speaking and respond appropriately, practise turn taking and waiting their turn.</i></p>

Sharing achievements: In nursery we like to celebrate the achievements of children but are often unaware of things that they are achieving out of school.

Please remember to send in achievements on the coloured 'star cards' or upload achievements to the home learning journey section of Early Essence.

Class library: We invite you to come in to look and choose a book with your child. You are welcome to borrow any book from the book box (not the large shelving unit) but we do ask that you only borrow one book at a time. Please write the title of the book on your child's library card, the date it is taken and tick when it is returned. We now have **story sacks** in our library system and would encourage you to use them. Story sacks contain a story book, non-fiction text and props to help re-tell the story.

These can be loaned out for 1 week and will be signed out using a different card system (one card for each story sack).

Benjamin bear: In Nursery we have a bear called Benjamin. Benjamin likes to join the children and their families at home. Benjamin will be sent home with a different child each week but if you would like to take him for a special occasion please let us know in advance. It is a brilliant way of getting children to talk about past events with confidence.