

2LS

Curriculum Newsletter Summer Term



Our Values...

**Welcoming Teamwork
Friendship Trust
Independence Fun!**

Although school is closed due to the Covid-19 pandemic, our curriculum newsletters are a guide for parent carers as to the topics and themes planned by staff for the Summer term. There are learning resources and activities available on the school website under 'home learning' if you'd like to use them, though please do not feel under pressure to do so. At this challenging time, our children just need to feel safe and loved, they need to play, explore and try fun distracting activities.

Topics

This term in 2LS our topics will be 'People who help us' and 'Summer'.

Due to lockdown the children will be taught from home by parents and carers.

The children will be working from the Early Years Foundation Stage and we have developed our planning to be parent friendly.

If you visit our website and select the home learning tab you will be able to access all our activities, songs and stories in our class specific resources folder. Enjoy and have fun!

Each child will also have their own personalised 'Individual Education Plan' which includes their own personalised targets.

Communication and Language

Communication can be developed through every day activities during meal times, stories and play activities.

Choose activities that your child enjoys and engages with to develop their communication, turn taking and choice making skills through the use of speech, switches, signing and symbols.

Children can enjoy learning by playing and exploring in an environment which offers stimulating resources relevant to their individual needs.

Listen to some of our stories read by familiar staff and try out some of our listening ideas. Read with your child as often as you can.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Talk about the many different people who help us, within our family and in the community.

Make cards for our friends and family who we are unable to be with or try a video call.

Look at some of our video links from our 'people who help us' activities.

After our half term we will be looking at summer. Share photos of past holidays. Where did you go?

Talk about where we will holiday next! Summer activities to follow on website.

Physical Development

Continue to work on your child's individual physiotherapy targets as recommended by your Physiotherapist.

Follow Worcestershire Pediatric Physiotherapy & Occupational Therapy Team on Facebook for ideas.

Look at our PE section on the website.

Continue to practice skills or washing hands, getting dressed and feeding.

If you're able, enjoy getting outside, if only in the garden to relax.

Literacy

Continue to enjoy books and songs in a variety of different contexts, using sensory props, ICT and supported role play.

We will be reading a selection of books which will include 'Postman Bear', 'Shhh Don't Wake the Royal Baby', 'Zog and the Flying doctors', 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' and many more on our website, read by our staff.

You can also enjoy mark making with sensory materials such as cooked foods, sand and paint.

Understanding the World

Explore your outdoor environment either in the garden or during a walk. Look at different textures and listen to environmental sounds.

See what animals, insects and flowers you can find. Watch how the garden comes to life with blossom, leaves and flowers.

Look out for the postman delivering letters, the bins being emptied or the shopping arriving.

Play in the garden planting and watering seeds. Pretend to be a fireman with a hose, or just relax in a hot tub or paddling pool.

How can parents and carers support their child's learning?

Parents could support us by regularly sharing news from home when we make our weekly phone calls.

Continue to read and share time together as a family.

Remember to find time to relax and have fun to promote positive mental health.

Do not hesitate to contact us for support at anytime. We are here to help.

Many thanks for your help at this difficult time.

Numeracy

Develop awareness of number names through playing, counting and sorting games'.

Enjoy number songs and rhymes. Listen to our number songs or follow some of our links to counting songs.

Explore shapes through every day objects and foods during role play activities.

Have fun with sand and water play, experiencing 'full' and 'empty' while exploring different texture's and different sized containers.

Why not practice weighing, counting and sharing and bake a cake or biscuits from our website.

Expressive Arts and Design

You can experience sensory art through using a variety of media. Take a look at our ideas on the website and choose any that are suitable for your child.

Encourage children to experiment with resources and make their own choices.

Explore resources which reflect everyday life and play skills and imagination, such as natural resources and different textiles.

Listen to a variety of music and join in with singing or playing your own instrument. Look at the music section on our website for links for familiar transition songs and inspirational performances.

How is my child's progress being recorded?

All pupils are working within the scales of the Early Years Foundation Stage and/or Barrs Court Curriculum.

Their achievements will be noted through observations, work, photographs and an online assessment tool (SOLAR).

All pupils will also have a 'Learning Journey' book, which will follow their progress and special achievements over the year.

Please share your child's achievements with us.