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Sunflowers' Newsletter

Please have a look at the Autumn term learning section of the website to see what Sunflowers class have been up to!

This week we are introducing some more structured teaching sessions including Phonics, Maths and Topic. See below for ideas on how you can support your child at home.

Maths- Just Like Me

In Maths, we are learning about matching and identifying what is the same about different objects. At home, you can support by getting your child to match items that are the same. This is a great chance to get some help around the house by getting your child to match pairs of socks and cutlery into cutlery trays. Outside maybe they could collect some fallen leaves and try to find ones that are the same. If they are not identical, talk about what is different about them and what is the same. Games of snap or pairs are very good for matching too.

Phonics

This week we start teaching phonics which form the foundations of helping the children to read and write. We will be learning the sounds m, a, s, d. You can help your child to practise these sounds by looking for things around the house or outside beginning with the sound. There is lots of information on the following website:

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/reading-schemes-oxford-levels/read-write-inc-phonics-guide/#set1>

We would ask at this stage that you support with saying and reading the sounds correctly. If you choose to help your child write the letters then please refer to the videos on Google Classroom which show the correct formation of each letter.

PE

As mentioned in previous newsletters, PE will take place every Friday. PE will be in the hall so the children will only need their white t-shirt, school shorts and plimsolls. Please do not put anything else in to the PE bag as it can confuse the children when they are getting dressed.

For Friday's PE session, it took a very long time for the children to get undressed and dressed again. Many children told us that one of their parents dresses them at home. It is very important that you help your child to become independent. Being able to dress themselves, is an important development milestone. It can be very slow at the start so it is important that you give them plenty of time and show them/talk them through how to put clothes on rather than doing it for them. We really appreciate your support with this.

If your child brings home an item of PE kit or school uniform that is not there's then please return it to school the following school day.

All About Me

This week we will be exploring our topic 'all about me' by learning the names for different parts of the body, learning about the senses and exploring families. You can support your child at home by reminding them of the words for different parts of the body and telling them about your own families eg. your brothers and sisters and parents.

Reading books

Please remember to put your child's reading folder in their bag on the correct day to change them. Their changing day is written inside their reading record.

Thank you for your continued support.