

Class 1 Newsletter

Spring 2 ~ 2024



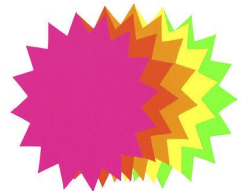
Busy, busy, busy!

What a wonderful half term we have planned, with so many exciting things to look forward to— a visit from Jet and Ben the police dogs, World Book Day, Mother's Day celebrations, a trip to the library and Easter celebrations too. There is going to be a lot to talk about! Watch out for more information throughout the half term, and please always come and ask if there is something you would like to know more about— we always love to chat.

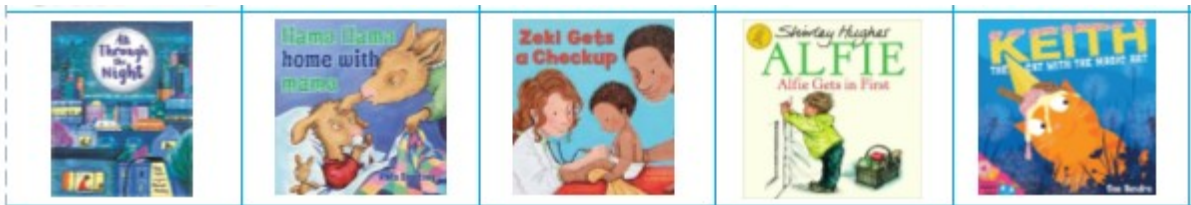


Our focus this half term is 'people who help us' - and the most important people on that list are our families! Thank you for always being so supportive of school!

Please continue to send in your WOW stars to share all your child's fabulous achievements at home, so we can celebrate this success at school too!



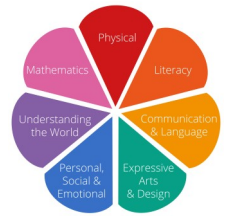
We will be enjoying new 'book hooks' every week— getting to know our stories really well, joining in repeated refrains, sharing our thoughts about the characters and storylines, and deciding if we would recommend these books to our friends.



If your child has enjoyed one of our book hooks, why not head to South Moor library and see if you can borrow it to enjoy at home.

If your child has a favourite book at home, please share this with us— perhaps we **can** borrow it when we visit the library later this half term and enjoy it as a class!

There are seven areas of learning in Early Years. The 'Prime Areas' are the ones that underpin **everything** we do. They are Communication and Language, Personal Social and Emotional development, and Physical development. Our children need to be supported to develop their skills in these areas so that they can achieve their full potential, which is why they are at the forefront of **everything** we plan and do.



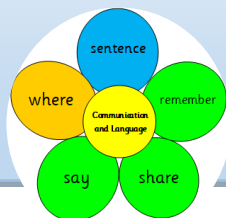
The 'Specific Areas' of learning guide the knowledge we need to teach the children, and are Literacy, Mathematics, Understanding the World and Expressive Arts and Design. These are important and planned into your child's learning, but without the ability to communicate about things, you cannot discuss books or ask questions about new words. Without confident fine motor control, you could not grip a pencil and draw.

We always share ways to support your child at home, and thought it would be useful to focus on the Prime Areas of learning. We also wanted to share the words that we will focus on this half term linked to these areas, so you can enjoy using them at home and talking about what they mean.

We hope this is useful, and if there is any way you think we can further support you at home, please do let us know.

Communication and Language

- * Tea time talk— chatting about your day and your child's day is a great way to develop turn taking conversation. Ask who they played with, where they played, or what their favourite activity was today.
- * Remind your child to use all the words they need— to always speak in sentences to share their thinking and ideas.



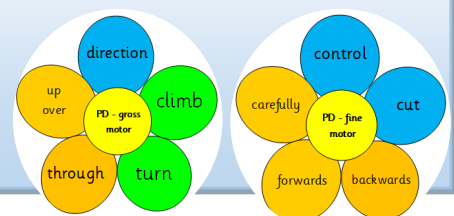
Personal Social and Emotional development

- * Encourage your child to try something new— give them little challenges. They could try to climb on the frame at the park or have a go at eating a new food.
- * Remind your child to use their good manners (they are very good at this in school!).
- * Play games with sharing to help them develop their ability to wait for their turn, for example simple dice games or complete a jigsaw together.



Physical development

- * When you visit the park, support your child to climb and explore. Talk to them about how they are moving around the equipment.
- * If you have safety scissors, show your child how to hold the paper and to make small cuts.
- * Encourage your child to draw with care and control, moving their pencil slowly and carefully, talking about what they are drawing.



You can support your child with Literacy and Maths by listening to your child read 5 times a week and adding comments to your child's reading record, and by completing the weekly challenges. Thank you 😊