

Essential Question - How can we be brave?

This half term we will explore the concept of 'courage' through the text "Don't Worry Little Crab", by Chris Haughton. Below are some of our learning aims for this half term, as well as some useful information on the second page.

Communication and Language

- Understand how to listen carefully
- Learn and use new vocabulary
- Engage in story times
- Listen to and talk about stories to build understanding

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- Build constructive and respectful relationships
- Express their feelings and consider the feelings of others
- Manage their own personal hygiene needs

Physical Development

- Revise and refine fundamental movement skills, such as rolling, crawling, hopping and skipping
- Develop control, strength, balance and coordination
- Further develop the skills needed to manage the school day e.g mealtimes

Literacy

- Read individual letters by the saying the sounds for them
- Blend sounds together in order to read short words
- Read a few common exception words e.g: I, go, to, no

Maths

- Count objects, actions and sounds
- Link the numeral to its number value
- Subitise (know how many are there without counting)
- Count beyond 10

Understanding the World

- Talk about members of their immediate family and community
- Name and describe people who are familiar to them
- Explore the natural world around them

Expressive Arts and Design

- Draw with increasing detail
- Join different materials and explore textures
- Explore and refine a variety of artistic effects to express their ideas
- Develop storylines in their pretend play

Additional Information

Reading

By now your child will have brought home their first individual reading books. These books will be changed twice a week and a member of staff will record this in your child's Reading Record.

Reading for a few minutes each night will increase your child's confidence in handling books, build their vocabulary and develop their love and understanding of stories.

When you read with your child PLEASE WRITE IN THEIR READING RECORD.

Wet Mornings

If it is raining heavily, the teacher on duty (from 8:45am) will make the decision to bring the children into the Key Stage 1 Hall.

They should take all their belongings into the hall and wait until 8:55am when they will be collected by their class teacher and taken to their classroom.

We kindly ask that parents leave children under the supervision of the teacher on duty to ease congestion in the hall and corridors.

Biscuits

On a Friday afternoon, biscuits are on sale at a cost of 30p for two.

If your child would like to purchase biscuits, please send 30p in a named purse, wallet or envelope.

Dates for your Diaries

- Thursday 17th September - Flu Vaccines (opt in)
- Monday 5th October - Phonics Information Evening (in place of Phonics Stay and Learn)
- Monday 12th - Wednesday 14th October - Parents' Evenings
- Wednesday 12th - Friday 16th October - Individual school photographs
- Friday 23rd October - Half Term
- Monday 2nd November - Back to School

Clothing

Please ensure that ALL items of clothing are labelled so that we are able to reunite them with their owner.

If your child finds it tricky to put on their coat or fix sleeves that are inside out, please practice at home to aid their independence.

