

HEATHFIELD PRIMARY & EYC



P1Y CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

May 2025



Diary Dates

May Friday 2nd - Parent Voice meeting

Monday 5th - Schools Closed

Wednesday 7th - Parent Council meeting

Tuesday 20th May - 1st ELF bump up.

Friday 23rd May - Dress down day and bring a bottle for the summer fayre.

Monday 26th May - Schools Closed

Tuesday 27th May - Inservice Day

Wednesday 28th May - Pupils return.

Wednesday 28th - 2nd ELF bump up

June

Tuesday 3rd - Thursday 5th June School Show - Evenings

Tuesday 3rd ELF bump up.

Saturday 7th - Summer Fayre 10am - 2pm

Tuesday 10th - 4th ELF bump up $\frac{1}{2}$ day.

Wednesday 11th - Whole School Bump Up

Friday 27th - 9.30am Closing Assembly 1.00pm finish

Reminders

Our school uniform is:

- white shirt with a tie or a polo shirt
- red jumper/cardigan
- black or grey trousers/shorts/skirt/pinafore. Tartan/check dresses in our school colours are also welcome.

Please remember that we may take our learning outside so all children should bring a jacket.

The children will have PE on Tuesday.

Please ensure children have gym shoes in school.

OUR CURRICULUM THIS TERM

Literacy and English

Listening and Talking: Our Makaton signs for this term are 'lunch' and 'more'. We will be developing our listening skills through turn taking activities where we have to respond to our name and follow a turn-taking visual timetable. We will also be using communication charts to share our interests, likes and dislikes about stories, songs, and aspects of our learning such as our topic on 'Pets'.

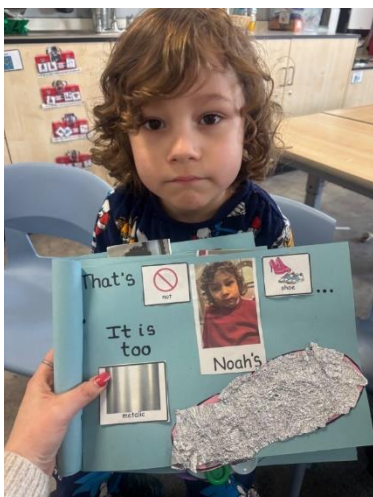


Literacy and English

Reading: This term we will be exposed to lots of animal stories to tie in with our 'Pets topic'. Each week we will have a 'pet of the week' and will share a daily story about that animal during social snack. Some of the stories they will be listening to are 'What Pet Should I Get?' by Dr Seuss, 'Tabby McTat' by Julia Donaldson and 'Hairy Maclary' by Lynley Dodd.

Literacy and English

Phonics: For phonics we will be revising all previously taught sounds. Each week we will focus on 3 specific sounds and follow a weekly programme completing the same activities for each sound to further develop recognition of sounds. Activities include sorting magnetic letters, practicing formation and matching pictures to the beginning sound.



Literacy and English

Writing: This term we will continue using boardmaker symbols within a variety of writing genres within our 'Pets' topic. For example, writing instructions on how to look after a dog and creating an information poster for a vet's surgery. We will also begin working on structuring sentences using boardmaker symbols and colourful semantics to describe 'who, doing, what, where'.

OUR CURRICULUM THIS TERM



Numeracy and Maths

In numeracy the children will be exploring numeracy life skills with our main focus being time and money. We will explore analogue clocks and introduce o'clock as well as learning how to sequence events in order using the language first, next, then, last as well as before/after. We will also explore money through local shopping opportunities and experiencing handling and exchanging a range of real money i.e., shop role play, putting coins into a purse or a till etc.

We will also introduce the class to some 3D shapes and continue to engage in daily number inputs through our group time songs and teacher tasks to keep building confidence in working with numbers to 20 (ordering, missing numbers, counting, numicon, addition etc).

Health and Wellbeing

This term we will be looking at healthy eating and experience regular shopping trips to the local supermarket to practice handling money and shopping for ingredients. Some of the recipes we will prepare are banana and sultana muffins, fruit smoothies, cheese twists, raspberry flapjacks, and frozen fruit ice lollies.

In class we will be continuing all our hard work on recognise our emotions and being able to utilise the Zones of Regulation. The children are becoming more confident at choosing their own strategies to regulate when necessary.



Topic

Our topic this term is 'Pets'. We will be learning about different types of pets and the responsibility of pet owners to meet the needs of their pets to keep them happy and healthy. Our home corner has also been transformed into a vet's surgery.

HOME LEARNING

Guidance for Parents

We respect the unique set of circumstances and values each family has and home learning is parental choice and will not be 'marked' by teachers.

If your child requires additional support with any learning tasks the class teacher will discuss this with you individually.

Home learning should never be stressful for a family. If you wish to discuss any aspect of your child's learning, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Home Learning Activities to Deepen Understanding

Literacy and English

Here are the links to some useful websites for further developing phonics at home. We use Jolly Phonics rhymes and Alphablocks.

[Alphablocks - CBeebies - BBC](#)

[PHONICS SONGS / JOLLY PHONICS A - Z/](#)

[Phase 2 phonics - KS1 English - BBC Bitesize](#)

Nursery Rhyme of the Week

Here is a copy of our nursery rhymes of the week if you would like to join in at home.

- 21.04 - 'Incy Wincy Spider'
- 28.04 - 'Hickory Dickory Dock'
- 05.05 - 'Ten Green Bottles'
- 12.05 - 'Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star'
- 19.05 - 'Row, Row, Row your Boat'
- 26.06 - 'A Sailer Went to Sea, Sea, Sea'
- 02.06 - 'Hey Diddle Diddle'
- 09.06 - 'How Much is that Doggie in the Window?'
- 16.06 - 'Pop Goes the Weasel'
- 23.06 - 'The Grand Old Duke of York'

Health and Wellbeing

To tie in with our healthy eating focus you could involve your child in cooking and preparing of healthy snacks at home. I have attached a link to easy snack recipes you may wish to try at home:

[Easy snack recipes - BBC Food](#)

We are looking at updating our toolkit strategies with additional strategies that support our children with self-regulation. If you have any tips/tricks that are successful in the home environment, then I would love to add them so that each child has a wider selection. Some self-regulation strategies already in use are 'having a snack, visiting the sensory room, drinking milk, asking for a hug, squeezing hands together etc'.

Pets

Our topic this term is 'pets' and we are learning how to be responsible pet owners alongside some fun facts about our 'pet of the week'. You could look at photos of different pets and help your child identify them. 'Pets at Home' also run free workshops for pet care.

[My Pet Pals Workshops | Free Kids Activities at Pets at Home](#)