

EYFS Newsletter

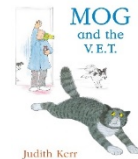
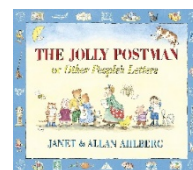
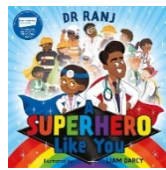
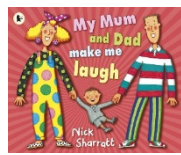
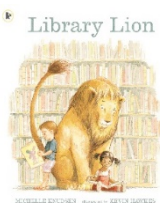
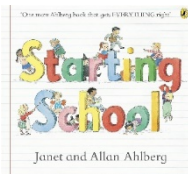
Autumn term 1



Theme: My community and super helpers!

Our exciting topic this term is all about ourselves and community helpers. The children will be building their personal identity by sharing details about their families, likes, and dislikes. We'll then shift our focus to the wider community, exploring different occupations and discussing the many wonderful people who help us every day. We'll even have fun brainstorming what they might want to be when they grow up!

Book opportunities:



These are some of the books we will be exploring, listening to and enjoying during this topic.

Reading and Writing:

Nursery

Our literacy focus is on 'mark-making', encouraging children to give meaning to the patterns and scribbles they create. We have also started our Phonics journey, beginning with Aspect 1, which is a fun way to train their listening skills through exploring environmental sounds, instrument noises, and body percussion.

Reception

We have started our Read, Write Inc (RWI) Phonics lessons (delivered four times a week). The children are concentrating on Set 1 single letter sounds, practicing identifying initial sounds in words, and developing the key skills of oral blending and segmenting (Fred talk). We are also making a big push on developing neat handwriting, with a particular focus on writing their own name.

Maths:

Nursery

This term in Nursery Maths, we are building vital early skills! The children are learning to compare groups using terms like 'more' and 'fewer,' getting hands-on with shapes and objects to build and explore, and noticing simple repeating patterns. A core focus is on hearing and confidently saying number names.

Reception

We are building strong number foundations using the White Rose and Mastering Number schemes. This term, we're focusing on counting principles (including matching and classification), developing the skill of subitising (instantly recognising small quantities up to 3), and deep diving into number composition to understand how the numbers 3 and 4 are made up.

Physical development:

We are focusing on strengthening both large and small muscle groups this term! A strong emphasis will be placed on fine motor skills and hand strength through fun activities like 'Dough Disco' and 'Squiggle

Communication and language:

Our focus this term is on foundational communication skills. We are prioritizing turn-taking, listening, speaking in full sentences, and communicating appropriately with peers during play to

<p>whilst you Wiggle'. In PE lessons, the children will practice moving safely in a space and developing vital listening skills for following instructions.</p>	<p>support learning across the curriculum.</p>
<p>Expressive Arts and Design:</p> <p>Our expressive arts focus is on self-expression and creativity. Children will engage in lots of exciting role-play and dressing up. We're also encouraging independent creation through projects like drawing self-portraits and illustrating their future careers, using a range of materials.</p>	<p>Understanding the world:</p> <p>This term, we're building knowledge about our community and ourselves. We are exploring different job roles, discussing how families are different, and sharing through "All About Me" bags. We will also focus on the five senses and developing emotional awareness by naming and understanding different feelings.</p>
<p>Suggested home learning activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Singing nursery rhymes • Reading stories before bed • Oral blending and segmenting (I can see a c-a-t, cat!) • Counting games (Counting when climbing stairs or how many trees we can see in the park!) • Fine motor activities (playdough, scissors, threading) • I spy games (I spy with my little eye something beginning with s...) • Mark making • Letter formation (Reception) • Weekly RWI phonics link on class dojo (Reception) 	