

Dear parents and carers,

Happy New Year.

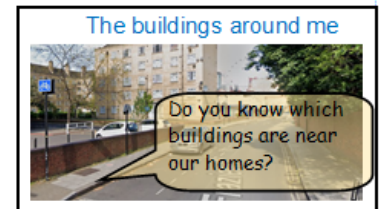
This half term we will be learning all about our homes. We'll be looking at who we live with and what our homes are like, what we do at home and our routines. We will also look at different homes and buildings around us.

Simon and Lou
Class Teachers



Theme

Our topic for this term is **Home Sweet Home**



Communication and Language

We will be encouraging children to ask and answer questions. When having class discussions or reading stories we will be using who, what, where, how and why questions to extend our language and communication skills.



Personal, Social, Emotional Development

We will be encouraging children to have friendly behaviour towards each other. To be kind and thoughtful when playing together and form good relationships.



Physical Development

We will be looking at different ways to move with our bodies. For example, jumping, hopping, skipping, shuffling, sliding etc.



We will start to focus on holding a pencil near to the point between the first two fingers and thumb.



Literacy

Children will join in with repeated words and phrases in familiar stories as well as guessing what the next word in a story might be using context and rhyme.

Children will start to recognise their own name in print.



Understanding the World

Children will talk about where they live and their own experiences at home. They will begin to understand differences about other peoples homes by asking questions.



Expressive Art and Design

Children will be using construction toys to create houses, buildings and homes.



We will be using our own experiences to help role play, focusing on the home. For example, cooking in the kitchen, eating a meal, getting ready for school etc.

Maths

This term we will be asking children to use number practically by asking them to bring us 3 pencils, or add 5 more blocks to a building. We will encourage language around quantity - more, a lot, many, most etc



Homework

Please continue to read a story every day with your child, ask them to join in if there are repeated words, phrases or rhymes in the story, or guess what might happen next.

Help your child to be independent by asking them to do little jobs for you and themselves for example getting their shoes and putting them on, or helping unload shopping.

Most important of all, have fun with them.

Dates for Spring 1

Fri 11th February	LAST DAY OF TERM 3 3.15pm Finish
Half Term Holiday Mon 14th - Friday 18th February 2022	
Mon 21st February	Children return to school



Reminders



THURSDAY - P.E. - Please send your child to school in P.E. Kit.

FRIDAY - Library Day - We will go to the library to change our books.



Books we will be reading

