

Apricots Term 3 Home Learning Overview

This term our topic is 'What's the weather like today? Winter' and our weekly themes include:

W.B 4th Jan Winter

W.B 11th Jan Snowfall.

W.B 18th Jan Frost

W.B 25th Jan Ice

W.B 1st Feb Winter Warmers

W.B 8th Feb North Pole

Here are a few daily activities that we complete in Apricots class:

Phonics

At school we learn a new letter sound each week. This term, our letter sounds are:

W.B 4 th Jan	W.B 11 th Jan	W.B 18 th Jan	W.B 25 th Jan	W.B 1 st Feb	W.B 8 th Feb
p	g	o	c	k	u

At home you could find objects around the house which begin with the weekly letter. Our phonics sessions begin with our cue song, which you can find on YouTube

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jPVbJ-IaHIw>) The Phonics song is uploaded in the 'class materials' folder on Teams. Another area we focus on during our phonics sessions is 'Environmental sounds' This is a time we allow children to identify the correct sound they are hearing. For example, without your child looking, play some bells or shake some keys and see if your child can choose the correct sound they heard.

Mark Making

Each day we provide opportunities for mark making experiences. This could be during tactile play using foam, cornflour, slime, sand or using tools like pencils, chalk, paint brushes or felt tips. To prepare our hands for mark making, we take part in 'Dough Disco!' Once a week we have fun focusing on strengthening muscles in the hands by manipulating playdough. We follow instructions of a YouTube video (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DrBsNhwxyzgc>) to prod, squeeze, pinch and roll playdough. Please follow the YouTube link to take part in Dough Disco!

Finger Gym

Each day, we also enjoy finger gym sessions to strengthen our hands ready for writing and develop fine motor skills. Please see a list of ideas below:

- Inset puzzles
- Playdough
- Peg boards
- Threading with beads, cheerios or pasta
- Building with Duplo/stickle bricks
- Colour sorting using large



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Storytime

At school we share a new story each week, relating to our themes.

A video story will also be shared with you by a member of Apricots team once a week.

Below is a selection of books we will be covering this term that link to our 'What's the weather like today? Winter' theme. Many of these books can be found as animated or re-aloud stories on YouTube.

- The Gruffalo's Child – Julia Donaldson
- One Snowy Night - Nick Butterworth
- Ten on a Sled – Kim Norman

Kind regards,

Apricots Class Team