

**Topic: Feelings/ May day**  
**Value: Resilience**

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! We hope you have all had a relaxing break with your families. We are really looking forward to seeing all the children on Monday and also welcoming our new children; Evelyn, Zachary, Harry and Alice.

**This week**

We will be focusing on our new value this week; resilience and feelings in general as the children transition back to school. We also need to start practicing for May Day!

**PE**

This term the children will be taking part in PE on Monday afternoon with Mrs Wells and on a Friday afternoon with our sports coach; Mr Wells (no relation to Mrs Wells!)

On Monday we will be practicing for our May Day dance and on a Friday the children will be working on their bat and ball skills.

**Literacy**

In Literacy we will be using stories to encourage the children to explore how they are feeling, identifying how characters in the story are feeling and what makes them feel the same way sometimes.

**Phonics**

**Reception (F1s)**

The reception children will be recapping the special friends 'air' (that's not fair!) and 'ir' (whirl and twirl) this week. Our assessments at the end of last term were really positive demonstrating how much the children have learnt and how confident they are with their special friends. Just a few sounds were highlighted that needed a little extra practice so we will spend the next couple of weeks doing this before we move onto set 3!

See if your child can write a list of 'air' and 'ir' words; fair, hair, bird, third etc.

**Nursery**

As the nursery children settle back into school and we welcome our new children to the FSU, the nursery children will not have phonics this week. Staff will use phonics time to interact with and support the children in their independent play.

**Maths**

**Reception**

Our new phase in Maths is 'To 20 and beyond!' The children will start to recognise numbers to 20, put them in order and identify how to represent them with numicon and tens frames. Practice counting to 20 and backwards with your child at home; counting up is quite easy but they find counting backwards a lot more tricky!

**Nursery**

We are going to be reading some high quality number books with the nursery children this week encouraging them to join in with counting, recognising numbers and saying what is one more or one

less. Have you got any maths books at home you can share with your child? The 10 little.... pirate/ Princess/ aliens etc are popular but you can use any book to practice maths skills- there are always things to count on a page of any story!

**RE**

The children will be learning about parables this term (stories that Jesus told) starting with The Parable of the Sower.

**Show and tell**

Hooray! Show and tell is back. It will be on a Tuesday until the end of the school year. Please see the school website (Early Years section) for a timetable. This week is the turn of **Daisy and Mabel!** The theme for these Show and Tells is 'My Family' so we encourage photos of immediate or extended family and perhaps any special items received from family members.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards

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