

# Bumblebee Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

## Help!

We are trying to further develop our outside area to provide the best experience for your children in all weathers. On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 3pm we are looking for some volunteers to help us in our outdoor area for an hour or so. We need to demolish a shed, move our mud kitchen and planter and have a general tidy up of leaves and dead plants. Miss Hickley will have cbeebies and a few games to keep the children occupied in the classroom. If you can offer some time, please let us know. All help will be gratefully received and shown through the payment of biscuits and tea!

## Pick up changes

Please can you ensure that if there is any change to your usual pick up pattern that you inform the school. This includes being picked up by other parents and play dates. If you are running late or you have to change the pick up during the day, please phone the office and a message will get to us.

## Reminders

- **Costume items need to be in school on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

## YEAR R LEARNING



### Phonics

This week we have introduced the graphemes x, v, w. We have matched words to pictures in varying games and blended 3 sounds to make real and alien words.

We have reinforced the tricky words I, no, go, the, into, he, me we and be.

**Vocabulary** –digraph, long vowel, short vowel.



### Number

This week we have started to record our number work in pictures and using numbers. We have been involved in problem solving activities, where we have had to apply our knowledge of numbers up to 5.

**Vocabulary** – whole, part.

Phases such as, "If the whole of me is 5 one part is 2 and one part is 3."

**Headteacher Miss S Vittle**

**Child Initiated play**

**The main focus of learning this week is:** using language in their play that has been influenced by books and stories.

Space ships

We have set up a space ship role play area and pretended to travel to different planets.

Bricks

We have used our outdoor construction items to create a space rocket and mission control. One our journey we came across many obstacles which we had to problem solve, for example there was a meteor shower and we had to set a new journey. This made a great story!

Story drawing

Some children have enjoyed drawing stories about aliens and space on large pieces of paper. We have reinforced that a story need a beginning, a middles and an end.

Small work play

Some children have been using our small world space set and natural resources to make new planets and alien worlds.

**Vocabulary**

**New**

- International space station
- Astronaut
- Mission control
- Mars, Jupiter, Saturn
- Moon buggy
- Solar system
- Galaxy
- Satellite

**Reinforced**

- Once upon a time
- One day, one sunny day, one dark night, one starry night...
- Suddenly...
- Beginning, middle, end.
- Planet
- alien

**HOME LEARNING**

Over the next week, please take the opportunity to:

- Go through your child's Phonics folder and reinforce the sounds. Visit the PhonicsPlay website and have a go at the game Obb and Bob (Phase2).  
<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/ChildrensMenu.htm>
- Share your child's reading book.
- Take a selection of tagged words and hide them around the house. Each member of the game is given a list of 5 to find. First to find their 5 wins.
- Share books with your child. You may like to take on the role of the character and act out a scene or your own version. If you do this please film and add to tapestry, this would be great evidence for their use of language related to stories.
- Reinforce the vocabulary introduced this week.
- Continue to practise counting backwards from different numbers. They children are finding this hard particularly when starting from numbers between 10 and 20.

 **APPRECIATION** ❤️ **BELONGING** ❤️ **COMPASSION**

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SCHOOL MEMBER



*Headteacher Miss S Vittle*

**CAN YOU HELP?**

To lend

- Some time to us after school on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December to help move the mud kitchen and dismantle an old shed. If you can help please can you let us know. Many thanks.

To donate

- Not this week.

Many thanks, Mrs Mitchell and Miss Hickley (The Year R Team)