



SOUTH BOROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Early Years Learning Newsletter - Term 4

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The BIG question... What is a healthy life?

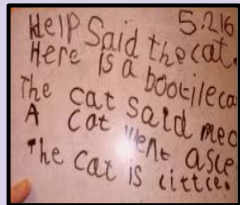


Welcome - Happy New Year!

Dear Parents and Carers,

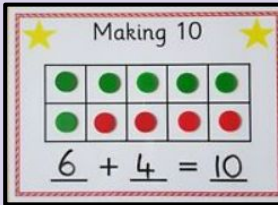
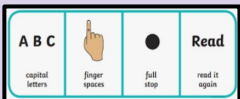
Welcome back to term 4 and another term of foundation stage learning. Throughout this term, we will explore our BIG question, understanding how we can ensure that we all follow a healthy, balanced and active lifestyle.

The theme for this term is 'Fairy Tales'. We will be learning how to use our imagination in role-play, vocalising our ideas and thoughts, giving our own opinions and beliefs. The children will be learning about beginning, middle and endings to fairy tale stories, the characters, the plots and where the stories take place.



Literacy

This term we are learning set 3 sounds as well as recapping set 1 and set 2 sounds learnt. We will be practising how to apply them into our writing and using 'Fred talk' when reading. We will be learning to write simple sentences and begin to use a capital letter at the beginning, finger spaces within and a full stop at the end.



Mathematics

We will be learning how to measure, such as length, time and weight. We will also be looking at ordering numerals and counting with objects beyond ten. We will be comparing amounts and looking at different ways of making ten. We will look at 3D shapes and create patterns using them.



Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Following our 'BIG question', we will be looking at what we can do to stay healthy. We will learn about healthy foods and healthy habits for example; exercising and personal hygiene and their importance.



Understanding the World

We will be looking closely at similarities, differences, patterns and change in our own environment and that of others. We will continue to widen our knowledge through books, rhymes, stories and exploratory experiences.



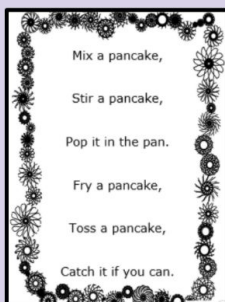
Expressive Art and Design

We will be using simple tools and techniques competently and appropriately to create something new to express creativity, such as; a pair of scissors, various sized brushes, stampers, tweezers, sculpting tools and pipettes, to enable us to; join, connect, overlap, entwine, pick up and squeeze. We will also be learning to construct with a purpose in mind using a variety of resources to create models, props and simple stories.



Communication and Language

The poem 'Pancakes' by Christina Rossetti will no doubt be an Early Years favourite, as we continue to learn new poems this term. As we take a look at our first book called 'The Journey' by Aaron Becker, we will be encouraging children to offer their own thoughts, ideas and simple explanations, using new vocabulary learnt, in imaginative ways to add information, express ideas, explain and justify actions.



Physical Development

Children will be practising control, coordination and agility in large and small movements, safely negotiating space. They will also demonstrate their proficient in handling equipment and tools, including cutlery effectively and show some accuracy in mark making activities such as drawing and writing, using a secure hold to write comfortably and effectively.



Jigsaw

Children will learn about “Healthy Me”

- I need to exercise to keep my body healthy
- Moving and resting are good for my body
- I know which foods are healthy and not so healthy
- How I can help myself to go to sleep and why sleeping is good for me
- I understand why hygiene is important
- I know what a stranger is and know how to be safe

Speaking and Listening (talking points for you and your child at home)

Using the texts below please use the following ideas to promote discussions with your child at home:

Who am I? Who are my family, loved ones? Who are the people who look after me? What am I good at? What are my likes and dislikes? Do you have a special talent?

We also encourage you to discuss the children’s activities at school.

Ask *“What went well today at school?”* or *“What good thing happened at school today?”*.

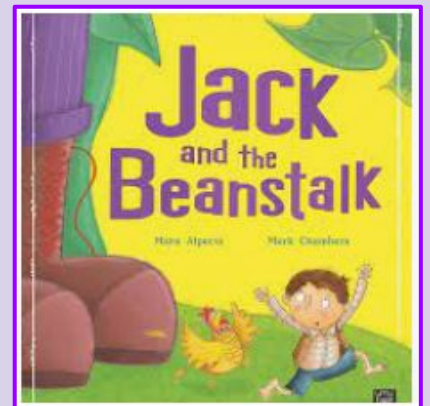
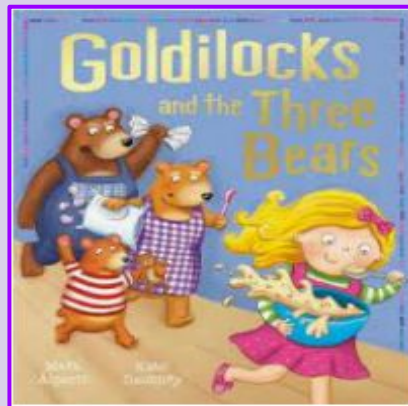
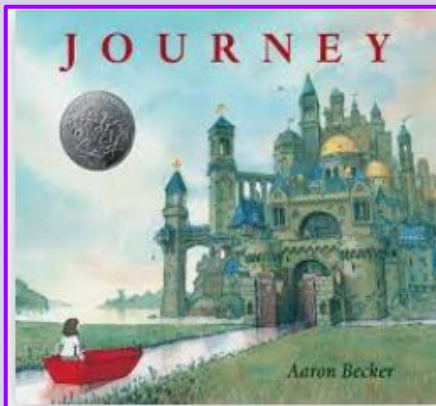
We would also ask that parents and carers continue some learning with skills such as sorting, discussion, listening or matching.

Recommended Reading for this term

Please find below our reading for this term, including YouTube links to video readings:

Fairy tales:

- [Journey](#) - by Aaron Becker
- [Goldilocks and the Three Bears](#) - by various authors
- [Jack and the Beanstalk](#) - by various authors



Reminders and Important Dates

- Please remember to label/name all of your child’s belongings (including P.E Kits)
- Please remember to queue when dropping off and collection your child at the gate.
- Please remember to bring in fresh drinking water every day in a labelled water bottle.
- **Please do not send in sweet or cakes for children’s birthday celebrations, as we have pupils with various allergies and dietary requirements. Sorry for any inconvenience or upset this may cause.**

Home Learning

