



MANILA'S



Useful Information



Spring 2

Topic: People who help us



This half term, we are going to start the topic "People Who Help Us". We will be learning about:

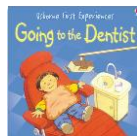
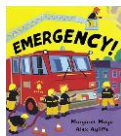
- Police/firefighters: We will learn about police officers and firefighters, and what they do to help society.
- School Caretaker. We will meet the school caretaker so we can ask him about what he does to help in our school.
- Teachers. Our school is full of teachers! This means we can ask them all lots of questions about their jobs!

Literacy:



We will be reading these books:

- The Jolly Postman by Allan Ahlberg
- Emergency Services - Emergency! by Margaret Mayo
- Dentist - Going to the Dentist Read-Aloud - by Anne Civardig"



Phonics:



In Nursery, we are continuing to learn Phonic Phase 1. We are also starting to look at initial sounds in words. E.g. 'W' for 'Water'.

This includes:

- Aural discrimination practice
- Listening to environmental sounds
- Beginning to learn Letter sound discrimination & learning letter names.
- Talking about story line, words, sounds, playing with sounds.

Maths:



This half term we will be focusing on: Fast recognition of up to 3/4 objects without having to count them individually - which we call **Subitising**.

Children will:

- Show finger numbers up to 4
- Sing number songs with the number 4.
- Continuing our learning about weight, expanding to length, size and height.

Physical Development (PD):



Gross motor skills:

Work with others to manage large items, such as moving a long plank safely.
Increasingly able to move to music and rhythm.

Fine motor skills:

Showing a preference for a dominant hand when mark-making.
Focusing on independence in getting dressed.
Attempting buttons on coats, zips and putting fingered gloves on.

Understanding the World (UW):



This half term we will be learning about:

Collections of materials with similar and/or different properties.

Different occupations.

Explore and talk about different forces they can feel.

Talk about the differences between materials and changes they notice.

Other Areas of Learning



Communication and Language:

Children will be able to:

Use a wider range of vocabulary.

Begin to understand and respond to 'why' questions.

Know many rhymes, be able to talk about familiar books, and be able to tell a long story.

Enjoy listening to longer stories and can remember much of what happens.

Home Learning:

We will give you a storybook to read to your child every week. Please read every day with your child for 15 minutes. Make it a special, cosy time you both enjoy and have fun with. Please return books to be changed on **Fridays**. You can start to count up to 5, 10 and 20 if you are enjoying numbers at home!



Rights Respecting:

This half term we will focus on our **right to be and feel safe**.



Language of the Half Term:

Our language of the half term is Albanian.

Our Albanian community represents 2.8% of our families.



Poem of the Half Term:

Our poem this half term is 'Mrs. Bluebird' from Poetry Basket



Skills Builder:

This half term, we will be focusing on: **Leadership** and **Creativity**.



Key Dates:

- 24th February 2025 - Start of Spring 2 term
- 25th February - Oslo Class trip
- 26th February - Ottawa Class trip
- 28th February - Birthday Bash
- 6th March - World Book Day
- 7th March - La Paz (Y2) Class Assembly
- 28th March - Lima (Y2) Class Assembly
- 28th March - Birthday Bash
- 31st March - La Paz Class Trip
- 1st April - Lima Class trip
- 4th April - end of term 1.30pm
- 22nd April - Start of Summer term



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