



The Bellbird Primary School

'Soaring to Success'

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back! We hope that you all had a lovely Christmas holiday and that the children are rested and ready for the busy term ahead.

Literacy

Our literacy this half term will be focused on the story 'Katie and the Dinosaurs' by James Mayhew. We will be retelling the story before exploring ideas related to dinosaurs. We will be improving our knowledge of sentence structure, punctuation and adjectives. Afterwards we will be looking at stories and celebrations from different cultures focusing on 'The Great Race' to learn all about Chinese New Year.

This term in phonics we will continue to introduce new digraphs and trigraphs for reading and spelling. We will be focussing on sh, ch, th, ng, ai, ee, igh, oa, oo, ar, or, ur, ow, oi, ear, air, ure and er. Perhaps you could try to find these in books, labels and leaflets at home.

Mathematics

In Mathematics this term we will be extending our understanding of the number system through counting and place value activities. The children will be developing their ability to recognise numbers and count out amounts of objects up to 20. Using this knowledge the children will then start to solve addition questions. We will also be making patterns and then explaining what we have done.

Mathematics

Numbers

- I can use numbers from 1 to 20 in the right order when I am counting things or singing rhymes.
- I can tell you what "one more" or "one less" is when you say a number.
- I can add groups of 2 things together and tell you how many I have got altogether and take things away from a group to tell you how many things I have got left.
- I can solve problems that are important to me like sharing snacks between me and my friends so that we all have the same number of pieces of fruit.

Shape, space and measure

- I can use words like "big", "small", "heavy", "light", "in", "under", "pound", "pence", "morning" and "night" when I am playing with groups of things.
- I can make patterns and tell you about them.

Mathematics

Numbers

- Plan a picnic with me and let me decide how many sandwiches and bananas we will need.
- Make a number line with me using birthday cards.
- Play number snap or bingo with numbers that we've cut out of a magazine.
- Sing number songs where I have to count backwards like "Five Little Ducks" or "Ten Fat Sausages".

Shape, space and measure

- Let me sort out the pairs of shoes so that they go from small to big.
- Let me make patterns with buttons or lids, like "big, small, big".
- Let me give you instructions for an obstacle course, like "Go under the blanket", "Go through the tunnel" and "Go behind the chair".

Topic

This half term we will be learning all about Dinosaurs. We will focus on investigating where dinosaurs lived, what they ate and painting our own dinosaur. Just before half term we will learn all about Chinese New Year by learning about how Chinese people celebrate.

Please contact us if there is anything you need to discuss. We look forward to an enjoyable and successful term in Foundation stage.

Best wishes,
Mrs F Waddingham, Miss S Jarvis and rest of the team.