

Welcome back to Poppy Class!

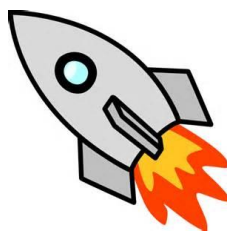


Welcome back everyone! We hope you have all had a lovely Christmas and a happy New Year 😊

Our Pre-School is still rapidly growing and we now have our new starters. We are so happy to have you with us and are so excited to watch your children learn and grow. Everyone has settled in so well and we are all so proud of the children to how they have adapted to the changes.

Mrs Davies, Mrs Dixon, Mrs Camara and Mrs Akhtar are all so excited to work with you and your children again and for the first time. All staff are available in the mornings for you to talk to 😊

Things that move ...



This term we are learning all about things that move. We will start by learning about how we move and explaining how we have to keep ourselves healthy to keep our bodies moving. We will then move on to look at transport and how they move on the ground, through the air and in the water. We will then look at animals big and small to see how they move. We will use our imaginations to go to the jungle, to the farm, be tiny like an insect and even under the sea.

The children have been really interested in our calendar so we will look at how time moves including the seasons. We are going to be so busy!

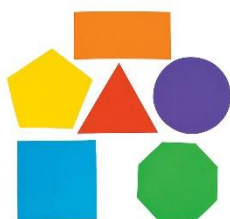
Phonics

In phonics we will still be focussing on phase 1 for now, really concentrating on our listening and attention once children are secure in this we will begin our journey into learning our letters and sounds. When the time for this comes we will send more information home for you 😊

Maths



In maths we will be looking closely at the numbers 1-5 and hopefully exploring numbers even bigger! It's really important that the children are confident with recognising numbers but also building and matching numbers to their quantity.



...We will also do lots of exploring shapes, going on shape hunts and arranging shapes to make pictures.



During this term, we will also be exploring an ABAB pattern, also known as a repeated pattern.

You can help with this at home by asking your child to recognise shapes, numbers and ABAB patterns at home and in the environment. Playing number games, singing number songs and pointing out shapes and patterns in natural objects.

Alongside all of this, we will be working lots on communication and language and emotions. We will be busy building and reading, painting and drawing, growing and dancing. Every day is so full of many wonderful learning opportunities, and I can't wait to carry on our exciting learning adventure 😊

Reminders...

- We do ask that parents bring their child to Pre-School with a bag containing spare clothes and wellies. These can be left at Poppies.
- Please name ALL your child's clothes, coats, bags, lunch boxes (if they use one) and Wellingtons.
- Forest school is a Wednesday – we will be outside, and all children need appropriate clothing and outer wear.
- PE is a TUESDAY AND THURSDAY – Please can we request your child does not wear tights under their trousers as we may use the equipment and they take their shoes and socks off for this. PE clothing is Joggers/leggings and trainers.

Kinetic Letters

In St James, we use the writing scheme of Kinetic letters and in Poppies, we focus on the early stages of Kinetic Letters. We focus on the core strength of the children. We do this by using the 5 Kinetic letter poses.



How? - Standing tall and straight with feet together and arms by your sides.

When? - Standing in queues.



How? – Kneeling up with knees and feet together and arms by your sides.

When? – Watching TV, kneeling up at a table to read, play etc.



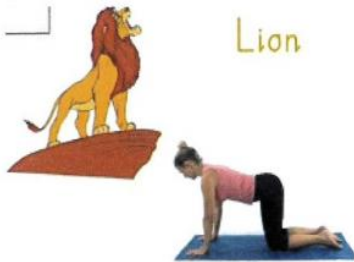
How? – Lying on your tummy, legs and feet together, propped up on elbows.

When? – Watching TV, Using a tablet, reading a book, writing or drawing.



How? – Sitting on your bottom with legs crossed and hands on your knees.

When? – Watching TV, reading a book.



How? – On your hands and knees, knees and feet together.

When? – Crawling around.

You could support your children in this by practicing these poses at home.

Date for your diary

Book & Biscuits - 12th February 11.15am & 2.45pm

- 14th May 11.15am & 2.45pm

Cake sale – 27th Feb 3pm

- 16th April – 3 pm

20th March - Easter Bonnet making – 11-11.45 am

Easter Assembly – 27th March – 11 am to 11.45 am

Parents evening - W/B 23rd March – time TBA

If you have any questions, concerns or worries please speak to a member of staff at the end of your child's session. We look forward to an exciting new term full of learning and fun.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Davies, Mrs Dixon, Mrs Camara, and Mrs Akhtar