

# FARTHINGHOE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum Newsletter Summer 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

This term the children will be learning about all things to do with the weather through our topic 'Weather Experts'.

### **Personal, Social and Emotional Development**

The children will continue to develop their skills through independent work and adult focused activities such as circle time, class assembly and whole school assembly. They will learn about how to care for plants and living creatures in our school environment.

### **Communication and Language**

The children will continue to develop their communication and language skills through independent and adult focused activities. Through a role play garden centre, the children will have the opportunity to develop their understanding of caring for plants, and through a class weather station create opportunities for exploring language and developing vocabulary.

### **Physical Development**

During focused play the children will continue to develop key skills such as cutting and sticking, fine and gross motor skills such as balance and climbing and painting and drawing. In PE sessions they will take part in paired work and learn team games. They will also take part in preparations for school sports day, learning to skip, balance a ball, jump and shoot balls in hoops.

### **Literacy**

They will continue to take part in whole class Literacy work to develop their knowledge of texts, answering and asking questions. There will be a particular focus on reading and writing sentences independently. Through texts linked to the topic, the children will learn facts about the weather. They will use word processing programs to present their work. In word level, they will continue to learn to read key words on sight using speed words (please see attached sheet) and use this knowledge to spell and write independently.

### **Mathematics**

The children will continue to count, order and write numbers to 20 and beyond, as well as developing understanding of number patterns, counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. They will continue to develop the vocabulary of addition and subtraction, know pairs of numbers that make 5 and 10 and begin to use the vocabulary of division and multiplication (sharing and repeated addition). They will identify 2D and 3D shapes in the living world and use them to design their own patterns.

### **Understanding the World**

Through a series of lively activities, such as creating and filming their own weather forecasts, creating class displays and working with Key Stage 1 to make their own weather station, the children will build knowledge of seasonal and daily weather patterns in the UK.

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## Expressive Arts and Design

The children will work collaboratively to create class displays based on the topic, explore sounds associated with the weather and use the work of artists to create their own designs and pictures.

As always if you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best Wishes,

Catherine Farrell