

# Foundation Stage 2

## Newsletter

### Personal, Social & Emotional Development

We will be continuing to develop the children's independence through various activities, and we will be encouraging resilience and self-regulation. There will be regular circle time where the children will be encouraged to listen and interact with their friends.

### Physical Development

Children will be continuing to develop their fine motor skills this half term. We will be focussing on correct letter formation with daily sessions. Children will be continuing to develop their gross motor skills this half term. They will have use of the outdoor area everyday as well as taking part in PE once a week.

### Communication and Language

We will be continuing to develop our speaking and listening skills through our provision and class discussions in project time. We will encourage the children to share their thoughts, ideas and opinions in full sentences as well as being good listeners and looking at the speaker.

### Understanding of the World

Our project learning this half term is called 'Where I live and Journeys I Can Make'. The aim is for children to understand where they live (Doncaster) and features of their environment, to understand Doncaster is part of England and we can journey to the countryside, seaside, mountains, woodlands and other cities all within the country we live in. We will also focus on the transport we use to make different journeys.

### Autumn 2 Key Words

travel journey transport  
destination route map  
direction town city  
seaside country luggage  
vehicle places  
Doncaster England  
countryside mountains

### A Note To Families

This half term the children will begin to take part in a PE session every Friday morning. Children will require a PE kit which consists of plain black/navy trousers and a plain white t-shirt. Please could you ensure your child practises getting dressed independently as this will help them when having to get changed for PE.

If you have any queries or questions at all, please feel free to let us know at drop off or pick up and we can arrange a time to discuss this. Working together we can provide your children with the best possible learning opportunities.

Thank you for your support,  
The Foundation Stage 2 Team.

### Literacy

This half term we are continuing to learn our phonics sounds, how to write them and also how to blend with them. You will see in their reading diaries how you can support them at home. In our story telling session we will be reading 'You can't take an elephant on the bus' for two weeks, then we will move on to reading 'Lost and Found' for the remaining four weeks of the half term.

### Maths

This half term we will be learning to understand the concept of numbers 9 and 10, ordering and counting numbers reliably and looking at mass and length.

### Expressive Arts & Design

Children will still have the opportunity to use their imaginations, sing songs, dance and create beautiful masterpieces each day.

### Spring 1 home learning Ideas

1. Can you go on a walk- can you spot any signs that suggest what season it is? What season will be next?
2. As the mornings are still cold, the ground often looks white with frost- can you investigate this?
3. Can you draw a picture of someone dressed for a cold winter day and then label the clothes they are wearing to keep them warm and dry- you might want to write the initial sound e.g. hat 'h' or you could have a go at writing the word by fiddling it to help you e.g. 'h-a-t hat'