

Foundation Stage 1

Newsletter

Summer 2 Term 2026

Please send any photos of your child that you would like to share with us to the email address below. This could be pictures of family celebrations, days out, achievements such as swimming, dancing, riding a bike or anything else that you would like to share with us.

foundation1parents@astrea-kingfisher.org

Communication and Language

This half term we are learning about environments that are different to where we live, Children will develop communication and language skills through discussions, storytelling, and role-play linked to woodlands, mountains, lakes, and beaches. They will learn new vocabulary to describe natural environments, animals, plants, weather, and features of different landscapes

Expressive Arts & Design

Children will explore and express their ideas creatively through art, music, movement, role-play, and imaginative play linked to woodlands, mountains, lakes, and beaches. They will learn to use a variety of materials, tools, colours, textures, and natural objects to create pictures, models, and collages inspired by different landscapes. Children will develop confidence in sharing their creations and discussing how they made them.



Physical Development

This half term we will continue to encourage children to write their names for a purpose and to practise their writing patterns. Anything that they make, draw or paint gives the children a purpose to write their name to show ownership of their artwork or created items. Outdoors we will be working on physical challenge eg climbing higher, jumping further, jumping with 2 feet, hopping on one leg. We will also learn to work as a team to carry things or build things.

Maths

We will be continuing to look at patterns and practising making a repeating pattern. We will continue practising our careful counting, recognising and writing numbers and matching number to quantity. We will continue to practise our subitising skills and we will do lots of work on comparisons of quantity and the language of comparison such as heavier/lighter/more/fewer/less/taller/shorter/longer/wider. Most children are confident to subitise three items, we are going to be extending subitising to four and five items, we will also continue to explore weighing and measuring.

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

Please continue to send things to our class email address above, the children enjoying sharing photos about their family and life with their classmates. We are continuing to work on sharing and taking turns with the help of the sand timer. This is something that we work on throughout the year in nursery. It is fantastic to see some children using the timers to take turns with their friends

Literacy

In addition to reading several stories daily, we will learn 3 stories which relate to our learning project. The children have shown an interest in stories called 'Commotion in the Ocean' and 'The Gruffalo' and we will also learn about a story called 'Once upon a raindrop'. Our children will develop their literacy skills through reading these stories and also non-fiction books about the different environments. They will learn to recognise and use new vocabulary, explore sounds in words, and improve their phonic knowledge for reading and writing.

Summer Home Learning Ideas

In a very short time, your children will be moving onto full time school, in preparation for this, it is important to work on independence skills.

Please can you encourage your children to do things like dressing/undressing themselves, putting on coats and shoes and trying to fasten buttons and zips and using the toilet independently. These skills will support your child in their transition to Foundation Stage 2.

Please continue to read stories together every day.

Understanding of the World

This half term, the children are learning about the wider world through learning about different places. We will consider how the environments are different to the town where we live. We will learn about the different habitats and the animals.



If you have any queries or questions at all, please do not hesitate to ask or call school on 01302 349275.

Thank you for your continued support, The Foundation Stage 1 Team.