

# Inspiring Curriculum Newsletter

## Finches

Spring 2022



Our Themes: “Our World” and “In the Garden”

### **Our Key Values:**

Caring, Commitment to Achieve, Co-operation, Fairness,  
Honesty & Respect



Welcome back to our second term. We hope you have had a lovely Christmas and New Year. We shall be continuing to plan through topics based on the children's interests as they arise to ensure that their learning is inspiring and relevant. The children have become very good at taking charge of their own learning and we shall continue to encourage this. Here we shall give you an overview of some of the topics we plan to cover this term, and as new ones arise this will be reflected in the weekly sheet in your child's homework book.

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

Throughout the term we shall be looking at "our world" and topics including growing as part of an "In the garden theme. We will also be incorporating some visitors and local visits. We shall be encouraging children to play co-operatively and encouraging them to think of their own group games and activities that involve sharing and turn taking. The children are aware of our School's key values and we shall be looking at these in much more detail this term, identifying and praising when we see examples of these being followed.

### **Physical development**

This term we will be covering movement, co-ordination and self awareness. We will be developing our skills on the equipment including the climbing frame and soft play gymnastics equipment. We will be learning about the effects of exercise on our body, noticing when we get warmer and breathe heavier. We shall also be developing our fine motor skills including pencil grip to ensure that we are able to control the pencil well and form clearer well sized and orientated letters.

### **Communication and Language**

We shall be having a variety of role play areas this term linking to our themes. We can take on different roles and use talk to act out scenarios. We will think about questions that they would ask or be asked and sensible answers. We will be working on developing a dialogue or conversation with each other to build up a story.

### **Literacy**

We will be working on our writing targets through each topic and as we achieve this we will be able to work on the next target up. We will be remembering that after we have written one word we leave a finger space before we write the next one.

We shall be continuing with our daily phonics lesson. We have learnt all of our single graphemes and will soon begin learning phase 3 digraphs and trigraphs. Some children will begin learning strategies for reading and writing longer words by breaking them up.

We will be looking at the genre of non-fiction books and understanding that these are for finding out information. When discussing fiction and non-fiction books we will be encouraging children to use vocabulary such as 'title' 'front cover' 'contents page.'

### **Phonics**

This term we are excited to launch our new Phonics scheme in school: Little Wandle Letters and Sounds. To develop reading and Phonics further we have brought in some fantastic fully decodable books that run alongside the scheme.

## **Mathematics**

We shall be recapping on previously learnt numbers 1,2 and 3 and introducing the children to the number 0. We will also compare the numbers 0-5. Furthermore, we will begin by looking at different sizes and weight; comparing this also.

## **Understanding of the world**

The children have shown a real interest in 'space'. We will learn all about the different planets in the solar system, the history of astronauts who have walked on the moon and compare the different planets to planet Earth. We will be using the book "Here we are" as a stimulus to start our topic. Within our topic of "In the garden" we shall be learning about different plants and flowers and the seasons and weathers that we will see.

## **Expressive arts and design.**

We shall be continuing to encourage children to develop their own creative ideas by always having a wide range of media and materials available for them to access as they choose. We will also be encouraging children to select different resources and combining them, for example if doing a painting they could also find some material or paper to stick on, or choose boxes or containers to create a 3D model. During the 'Space' theme we shall be thinking of many different ways of creating rockets for example, hand printing, collaging, painting, cutting and sticking.

## Important Information

As per the school homework policy which is available at [www.marketrasen.lincs.sch.uk](http://www.marketrasen.lincs.sch.uk) homework will be set on a **Friday** and returned on a **Thursday**,

Please remember to send this in with your child and continue to add a comment in your child's homework book to let me know how they got on with it. If there are any issues with the homework, please do not hesitate to come and see me.

Our P.E days are: **Tuesday** with Mr Toothill and **Friday** with Miss Parker. Occasionally this may change, so it is helpful to have a PE kit in school at all times. Children can come in their PE kit to school.

Please continue to read with your child at least 4 times a week. It has been lovely to see how much commitment to achieve has been shown with reading. Also, if you have any "Wow moments" of your child please remember to send these in.

Please can we remind that you send in a bag containing a change of clothes/underwear for your child to keep on their peg at all times in case of an accident that requires changing.

If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to ask

Miss Parker and Miss Wells