

Early Years Weekly Overview

Week beginning 19th October

<u>Literacy Topic</u>	This week we will continue our topic of 'People who help us'. The children enjoyed two assemblies with Mr Pye and Mrs Holland this week and learnt about what they both do to help the teachers and pupils at school. The children will use the 'Dental Surgery' role play area to explore the jobs of being a dentist and play alongside their friends. The children will practise their scissor control by cutting out different emergency vehicles and matching them to the correct person. In the outside area, the children will pretend to be firefighters and use 'extinguishers' (water spray bottles) to put out the pretend fire and practise recognising and writing the sounds we have learnt. They will have opportunities to practise writing their names and begin to make CVC words with magnetic letters. This week we will learn to recognise the sounds of the week: 'h', 'b', 'f', 'ff'. They will also continue to practise recognising the tricky words we have learned 'I', 'the' and 'to'. We will have a visit from police officers on Tuesday 20th October as this did not go-ahead last week. We will also get to have a look inside in the police car! We will also have a visit from Basildon Fire Department on Friday 23rd October. They will also talk to us about what they do to keep us safe.
<u>Mathematics Topic</u>	This week, the children will explore the numbers 1,2 and 3. They will count objects within 3 to develop their one-to-one correspondence and learn to trace the numbers using our rhymes. The children will also explore subitising, which is the ability to spot small groups of up to 3 items without counting them one by one. They will be exploring numbers through fun, hands-on activities and counting games.
<u>Literacy Homework</u>	We will not be setting any homework over half term and will keep your child's homework book at school this week. We have had a wonderful first half term with the children.
<u>Mathematics Homework</u>	They have settled into their new classes well and we hope you all have a lovely half term break. Please continue to read with your child over the half term holiday and practise writing the letter sounds we have learnt so far.