



A Snapshot of Our Learning this Term

Maths - Throughout this term we have been learning about numbers to five and the different ways we can make and represent these numerals. The children are also becoming more confident in subitising different representations of amounts (saying how many without counting). We have developed a deep understanding of composition of number (knowing a number can be made up by two or more smaller numbers) e.g. $3=1+1+1$ and $2+1=3$. Towards the end of this term we have been learning one more and one less than a given number using objects and explored 2D shapes and using the correct vocabulary to describe their properties. Next half term we will be consolidating our number knowledge of zero to five as well as learning about numbers to ten. We will also be learning about 3D shapes and different measures.

Reading - We share a key text a week during our story time that links to our children's interests and learning. This term our key texts have been focussed on emotions, feelings, Autumn and different celebrations. We have loved sharing *The Dot*, *Ruby's Worry*, *Leaf Thief*, *Little Glow* and *Scarecrow's Wedding* (just to name a few!) and we cannot forget our lovely poems - *A Basket of Apples* and *Leaves Are Falling*. Children have continued to take part in daily Read Write Inc. sessions and they are beginning to apply their sound knowledge in the different areas of provision they explore on a daily basis. A big thank you to everyone who has completed their Fred Friday Challenges with their child.

Understanding the World / Personal Social and Emotional - This term we have explored different festivals and celebrations including the lovely things we do with our families outside of school such as having a roast dinner on a Sunday or having a take away and a film at the weekend. We have also linked this to our British Values in understanding that everyone can have similar or different beliefs and celebrations and we respect and understand that this is okay.

Squiggle Whilst you Wiggle - During our Squiggle sessions we have been practising lots of big arm and shoulder movements with our flipper flappers. We've enjoyed moving our bodies to music to make large movements which help build strong muscle control to help develop letter formation. Next term we will be moving on to Dough Disco which will continue to develop our fine motor and letter formation skills.

Next Term's Learning - We will continue to have daily Maths and Read Write Inc. sessions and continuous provision for the children to consolidate and extend their learning. We will also be learning about the Natural World around us as well as extending our creative skills.

Staffing Updates

As you are aware, Miss Reynolds will be starting her new role in a different school from January. Miss Reynolds has worked at Athersley South Primary School for four years and within those four years she has made lots of positive relationships and wonderful memories with the staff and children she has taught. Miss Reynolds will be missed by us all and I hope you can join us in wishing her the best of luck in her new role. Replacing Miss Reynolds is Mrs Abbott, Mrs Abbott is an experienced teacher who has worked in Early Years for a number of years. Mrs Abbott has visited our class and got to know the children and we cannot wait to give her a warm Athersley South welcome when she starts in January.

We would also like to share that we will also have two Learning Support Assistants joining our Early Years team in the new year - Miss Mallett (Miss Mallett has been working with us on supply during the Autumn term) and Miss Gillott (Miss Gillott has worked as an SMSA in our school for many years and already has a lovely relationship with the children in our class.)

Miss Attree (student) continues to carry out her College placement in F1 (Nursery) but will be spending some time in F2 throughout the Spring term.

Staffing Updates Continued

- Ms Hayward (Learning Support Assistant) will continue to come and spend time in F2 every morning.

Barney & Bobby Bear

Thank you to everyone who has given Bertie or Bobby Bear a home for the weekend so far. We have loved sharing all your photos with the class and talking about what they have spent the weekend doing. We appreciate all the effort you have put in to their diaries. If your child has not yet had a turn don't worry, Barney and Bobby will still be visiting houses at the weekend after the

PE

Children that leave via Miss Pell's door will have PE on Wednesdays

Children that leave via Mrs Abbott's door (was Miss Reynolds' door) will have PE on Thursdays

Reminders

Winter Weather

- January will continue to give us some very cold weather. Please make sure your child brings a warm coat to nursery everyday. If they bring hats, scarves and gloves please make sure they are clearly labelled with your child's name to avoid any confusion.

Other Reminders:

- Please do not let your children play on or with the EYFS equipment in playground when waiting before and after school. Lots of things are getting broken and lost as they are playing unsupervised and this is unfair on the children in our setting. Thank you for your understanding.
- Please check any items of uniform/water bottles that your child has taken home as they could belong to someone else. Please return any items to school and we will return them to the right child. We ask that you clearly label all of your child's clothing to avoid any future mix ups.
- Lending Library — In our cloakroom we have our very own lending library where your child can chose a story to share with you at home. Once you have finished, return it to school and then your child can choose another book to take home and enjoy.
- Website - We update our website at least every half term to share all the amazing things that we do in FS2. We would love for you to take a look - <https://www.athersleysouth-primary.co.uk/fs2>

Lastly, thank you to all our families for your continued support this term. We hope you have a lovely school holiday and would like to wish those of you who celebrate it a very Merry Christmas. We look forward to seeing you again on Monday 8th January to continue our fantastic learning journey.

The F2 Team