



Crystals



Welcome to Crystals!

Well done to all our children on the fantastic start they have made to school life. They have settled so well into all the routines, and we can't believe how far they have come in a few short weeks!

Mrs Coulson and the crystals team

Curriculum

In Crystals we've been learning all about the children and their families. We have focused on the question "who is in my family?" The children have drawn some fantastic self-portraits and created lots of artwork involving circles inspired by Kandinsky.



Looking ahead to next half-term, we will be learning about Autumn and seasonal changes. There will also be lots of events to celebrate such as Halloween, Diwali, bonfire night and of course Christmas!



Toileting and toothbrushing

We are amazed by the amount of children who have already begun to use the toilet this half term. If toileting is something you feel you still need support with, please come and have a chat with one of us. We will work together with you on this.



Now the children have settled into school life, we will also be starting tooth brushing next half term. Any questions about this, please come and ask.

Phonics

This half term we have been doing 'rhyme time' sessions in phonics. Our rhymes have been:

- 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, once I caught a fish alive
- Baa, baa, black sheep
- A sailor went to sea, sea, sea
- Down at the station
- Hey diddle, diddle
- Hickory dickory dock

To support your child at home please sing lots of rhymes with them. Also share picture books, drawing their attention to repeated phrases and rhyming words, for example.



School library visits

We will be visiting the school library every 2 weeks on a Wednesday. Children will have the opportunity to select and borrow a book. We have visited the library already for story times and the children have really enjoyed the experience.



How to help at home

- Sing lots of songs and read lots of stories
- Talk about what you can see when out and about (numbers or letters in your child's name)
- Encourage your child to be independent with dressing, for example

Dates for the Diary!

EYFS Nativity - Wed 3rd December 9.30am/ Thurs 4th December 1.30pm

EYFS Party - Thursday 18th December