

Ruby Class

Autumn 2 Topic Letter



999 Emergency

Our topic this half term is to find out about people who help us in our community. Ruby class will be finding out how these people make our lives better, look after us and help us.

Through this topic we will share stories/experiences the children might have. Through our learning we will introduce and use new language related to Emergency Services. This may be by retelling events from an experience e.g. talking to Police, Doctors, Key-workers.

Reception children will have the opportunity to act out different real-life scenarios in the Role Play and Small World.

We are hoping listen to virtual visitors and ask questions related to their jobs. Ruby class will also receive a visit from an emergency vehicle and see it's equipment in action. This will give rise to writing invitations/thank you letters to Emergency services.

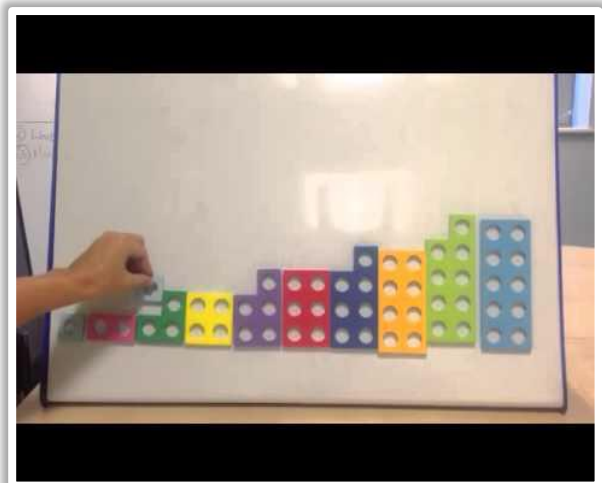
Part of our learning will include what to do in an emergency (999) but also beginning to recall our home address.



Mathematics

Our daily Maths sessions are continuing to combine a mastery teaching approach with early years best practice. In Ruby Class we help the children develop a deep understanding and enjoyment of maths.

This half term's focus includes comparing groups and change within 5. We will be counting and comparing quantities and objects, adding and subtracting 2 single-digit numbers and counting on or back to find the answer. Children will also learn to say which number is one more or one less than a given number. By the end of the term we will also look at measurement of time and using everyday language to talk about time to solve maths problems.



Phonics and Reading

We are continuing to practise our blending and segmenting sounds in our daily RWI (Read Write Inc sessions). We are so proud of how many Set 1 sounds Ruby class have learnt and we will continue to review these sounds as we read and create green words using Fred talk.

Please ensure that you write in the reading record when you share a reading book at home. We have started our reading merit badge scheme and shared reading will count.



Science

In Science this half term we are learning about different light sources in our topic 'Light and Dark'.

We will explore what a light source is and how to create shadows. We are fortunate to have a virtual guest speaker speaking this week to discuss 'Be safe, be seen' as we look at colours that can be seen more vibrantly in the dark.

We will continue to explore objects that reflect light and use mirrors to explore reflection.



RE and Christmas

In RE this half term we will be learning about celebrations. Beginning by looking at various different religions and their festivals that involve light. These include the Hindu celebration of Diwali, the Jewish celebration of Hanukkah.

We will also look at the symbolism of the candle in a christingle for Christians, as we learn about advent and the birth of Jesus.

Ordinarily we would be joining the whole school in a Christmas production, however due to co-vid restrictions this cannot unfortunately happen. Instead Ruby and Sapphire class will be producing a special nativity production that will be recorded in sections and collaborated to ensure bubbles are maintained. More information about when this will be ready will be released later in the term.

Tapestry

We look forward to sharing more moments on Tapestry of your child's learning. If you are having any issues logging onto Tapestry or would like to add any additional family members to your child's account please contact ruby@spellbrook.herts.sch.uk or admin@spellbrook.herts.sch.uk

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