

# The Federation of Heathfield and St Francis Schools



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Cherry, Apple and Pear Classes

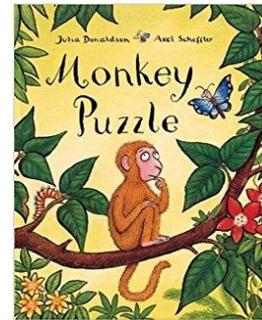
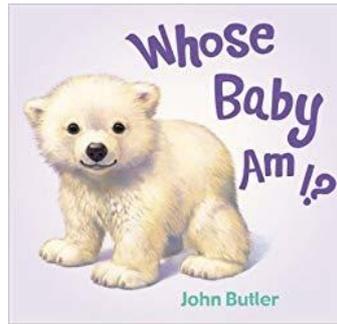
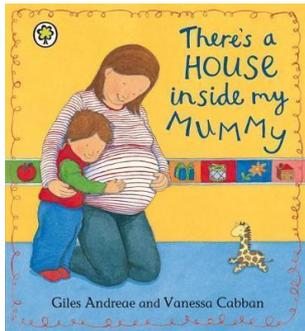
Dear Parents,

Happy New Year and welcome back.

This term, our topic is called 'Animals and Habitats'. We will be having visits from Laura and her baby; Lucy to introduce our topic. Followed by visits from an older baby; Rebecca and Andrew's toddler, Mildred. The children will be comparing what they can do to the visitors e.g. use a spoon to feed themselves, or walk. We will also be focusing on what makes us similar and different to each other. We will be looking at what each child enjoys doing and physical differences such as hair colour.

Our targeted play skill sessions for this term, will focus on dolly play, cars and animals. We will be continuing to take turns, playing games such as Penguin Pile Up, Red dog, Blue Dog and click clack cars.

This term, we will be reading books; 'There's a house inside my mummy', 'Whose baby am I' and 'Monkey Puzzle'. We will be focusing on sharing books and encouraging the children to comment on these books. The children will be learning to match the animal baby with their parent.



In maths, we will be focusing on comparing quantities. For instance, which bowl has more raisins (or chocolate buttons). We will also be exploring different sizes and introducing the concept of money.

As a school, we are promoting healthier lifestyles and physical activity through a scheme called the 'Golden Mile'. Every child will run, walk or travel around a track in the school grounds. We will be encouraging the children to comment on the effects of exercise on the body. We will also be using this to support the children to count the number of laps they complete of the track. Over the term, we should be able to complete more circuits of the track as their fitness improves.

This term, we will be learning how to use scissors safely to make snips in paper.

As always, the children will have fortnightly visits to 'The Nest' our outdoor classroom. The children will continue to hold and stroke the school guinea-pigs called Ziggy and Stardust.

How to help at home:

Learn the following signs: These are the core signs for this term.



**baby**



**Mummy**



**different**



**Daddy**



**same**

Each week, we will continue to send home the focus song and ideas to support your child's at home.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact any of us if you wish to discuss anything or you need further information.

Kind Regards

Andrew Dean-Lee, Sarah Bridge and Jude Boddy