

# Summer 2 2021 Learning Letter – Fitzebra

# This half term our topic is: Poland

#### COMMUNICATION

- Individual communication scripts including as appropriate ongoing work on turn taking, switches, symbols and signing
- Texts we will be covering include: Locomotive (Julian Tuwim), Traditional tales including 'The Frog Princess'.
- Story telling is based around the Polish story "The Gingerbread Bees"

## Ways you can help your child:

- Read, watch or listen to the texts being covered. Watch videos on Granta You Tube channel Fitzebra Home Learning Playlist
- Provide lots of opportunities for your child to make choices and express preferences
- Do not always pre-empt what they want – provide opportunities for children to choose, communicate no or 'ask' for things in their own way

#### COGNITION

- Art: collage activities linked to Polish artist Olga Boznańska and illustrations from The Locamotive
- Festivals and special events this half term include: Independence Day, Portugal Day, Polish St John's Night, World Chocolate Day and Disability awareness Day
- Cause and effect skills will be worked on each term though using IPads, computers, switch toys, switches, magic carpet, soundbeam etc
- Topic: Polish culture
- Resonance board story 'The Frog Princess'

## Ways you can help your child:

- Look out for activities on Granta You Tube channel Fitzebra Home Learning Playlist
- Share Polish stories or music at home
- Make Kopytka (potato dumplings)

#### **SELF CARE AND INDEPENDENCE**

- Ongoing work on doing as much as we can for ourselves through care routines, lunch / snack times, play times etc will be carried out each term.
- Regular 'pampering' sessions to enable us to become comfortable with a range of self -care tasks.

### Ways you can help your child:

- Involve your child as much as possible in care routines and encourage active participation in whatever way is possible
- Encourage and expect children to do what they can for themselves in tasks e.g. reaching for brush, leaning forward to put coat on

#### SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

- Ongoing work on relationship building will be carried out through intensive interaction, care routines, music and movement and play times each term.
- Outdoor learning: We are back to our community visits/walks. On Monday afternoons, where possible we will go down to Linton park or to the river in Linton to see the ducks.

## Ways you can help your child:

- Take part in intensive interaction
- Take part in turn taking activities (my turn your turn)

### PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

- Ongoing work on body awareness through massage and music and movement sessions.
- Regular work in swimming, therapy swing and physio / therapy programmes will be carried out each term as appropriate
- We will work on refining the use of our senses in script work.
- Fine motor and manipulation skills will be worked on through regular exploration and engagement activities
- Messy play linked to Kopytka (Polish potato dumplings) and different sauces
- Massage story is an adapted version of the Polish folktale "The Glass Mountain"
- Play skills will include sand exploration



| Ways you can help your child:  |  |
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| Provide messy play and exploration activities where they can work on skills such as reaching, grasping, using 2 hands, scanning or using tools |  |
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