

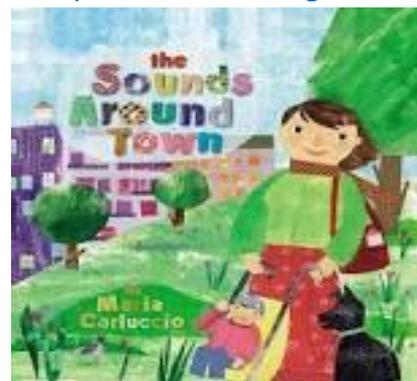
# News from U3 – Summer Term 2019



As we start another new term, we thought you would like to know some of the things we plan to do in the coming weeks. We are hoping that the weather will be kind to us as we plan and try to get out a bit more, into the community. The topic for the term is "Out and About - Things to see and hear." We are hoping to have some contrasting experiences with visits to the town and country.

We will focus on the differences in the things we can see and hear in our surroundings.

The first story we are reading is "The Sounds Around Town" by Maria Carluccio. Whilst being a simple story, it gives lots of different examples of the things we can all hear when we go outside and in to the town or city. This includes things like traffic, voices and church bells. We are going to look at some of the vehicles we see and hear on our roads.



We are also going to practise our listening skills this term and this is something you can support us with at home. Our homes are full of noises made by the washing machine, kettle boiling or tv or radio.

Perhaps you could take time to encourage your son or daughter to listen to the sounds around them so they recognise what makes the noises they can hear.

We hope to make trips to Belton House and Lincoln Show. We will do some work about things which can be seen and heard in the country side. We will also find out about the natural world in Spring and Summer. This will include looking at how things grow and what animals might be found living in the wild, in our country.

All the students will continue to work on their individual targets including when they are doing topic work. It is particularly important that they follow their individual plans for physiotherapy and health management. Hydrotherapy will continue on alternate Thursdays and rebound will be in the second part of the term. Communication is central to every lesson and students are given as many

ways of expressing themselves as possible. Please try to involve your son or daughter in making choices for themselves as part of their daily lives.



All the students have opportunities throughout the week to mix with students in other classes. This means, for example, that they join in with a variety of leisure groups such as singing or craft.

Within the class situation, they are encouraged to find games or activities which they can engage in independently, to decrease the level of dependence on adults. This might include finding simple toys or games which they can operate by the press of a switch.

As you will know by now, much of the learning in U3 is sensory based. This term we will find out about the Islamic religion and it will be done by looking at and experiencing items related to that set of beliefs, for example looking at prayer mats and listening to the call to prayer.

All the students in U3 have complex needs and have a lot of adult intervention in their lives. Promoting their wellbeing is very important. This means we always try to spend time doing things which they can enjoy such as listening to different styles of music, spending time in the sensory room and also having a variety of sensory experiences. As well as getting out as part of the planned curriculum, we will try to make the most of learning outside by undertaking some simple gardening tasks and using our bottle green house.



As always, it is possible to only give a small snapshot of what we do in U3 but you are always welcome to find out more by writing a note in the home-school diary, phoning or even popping in to speak to one of us! We are always pleased to share information with you.

Thank you for working with us and supporting us to help your son or daughter.

Moyra, Janet, Andy and Sean.