

Literacy

Our Literacy fiction work will focus on the texts:
Elmer, We're going on a bear Hunt, Owl Babies The Three Little Pigs.



Using these texts we will be looking at repetitive phrases in the book, re-telling the story with pictures, story maps and puppets. With all books we will be doing some shared reading where we track the text together, HFW spotting where we will be looking for tricky words and discussing who the author and illustrator are. We will also be sharing some non-fiction texts about Diwali, Toys, Homes, Fireworks and Light & Dark.

Our Phonics work will encompass both Phase 1 and 2 of the Letters and Sounds programme. This means we will be doing lots of oral segmenting of words and blending of sounds. We will begin learning the letter formation of each sound and beginning to write labels. We will be reading words and simple captions as well as working on tricky words.

How you can help....

- Practise the sounds in your phonics wallet and complete the reading challenges.
- Spot letters in the environment.
- Share stories and discuss the characters.

Maths

We use the White Rose Maths Units across the term. In the first few weeks we will spend lots of time getting to know the children, looking at where things belong in the classroom, knowing the keys times of day and talking about positional language. We then move on to a unit called "Just Like Me" where the children will be matching, sorting, comparing and looking at pattern. "It's me 123" involves a focus on representing numbers 1, 2, 3 and looks at 2D shapes too. The final unit of the term is called "Light & Dark" and we focus on numbers to 5.

How you can help...

- Use your maths wallet to practise recognising and ordering numbers to 10.
- Use items from home to count objects

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

The children will be developing their social skills and settling in to the new school environment. Over the course of the term we will be exploring the school grounds, making new friends, getting used to new routines and expectations. We will share ideas and experiences based on books, visiting a variety of texts that cover lots of PSED topics. Books such as "The Skin I Live In" and "It's ok to be different". We will bond as a class and have visitors in school to boost motivation, excitement and love for learning, for example in December we aim to visit a local theatre. Adults model excellent PSE skills and this area of learning infiltrates the entire curriculum.

How you can help...

- Talk about what makes us unique and how everyone is different.



Autumn Term Holly and Willow

Understanding the World

This is an exciting term that includes so much! Over the term we talk about and learn about the following:

- * Nature detectives – exploring the woods
- *Homes – how they vary across the world.
- *Bear hunt – landscapes and maps.
- *Light and dark investigations – shadows.
- *Christmas story and Christianity - churches
- *Toys old and new – Grandparent visit
- *Owl Sanctuary visitors – owl facts
- *Diwali celebrations
- *Magnets.
- *Laptops and the ICT suite
- *Seasons.

How you can help....

- Talk about nocturnal animals.
- On walks notice seasonal changes.
- Talk about changes- what was it like when granny was little?
- Talk about homes that people live in around the world.

Expressive Art & Design

We will be learning lots of songs and rhymes this term - adding our own musical accompaniments too. In art we will be exploring colour mixing and making collage elephants. We will explore the medium of clay when we focus on Diwali and create firework paintings with powder paints and other materials. Over the course of the term the children will have explored, colour, form, texture and shape. We enjoy role play and encourage lots of imaginative work based on our focus texts. This helps with story-telling and understanding.

How you can help...

- Can you paint a rainbow? Make sure you know the names of all the colours.
- Can you pretend to be characters from books and 'hot seat' each other?

Physical Development

Frequent dough gym sessions strengthen our pincer grip, hand strength and letter formation skills. We will have weekly PE sessions where we learn playground games and develop of ball skills. Our activities that we plan across the week encompass both fine and gross motor challenges and games.

How you can help...

- Use scissors at home to practise cutting and develop fine motor strength.
- Practise putting your coat on and doing up the buttons.
- Practise taking shoes/socks on and off again.

Communication and Language

This is another area of learning that underpins all that we do. Our classrooms are immersed in high quality language where adults model clear and challenging vocabulary. We discuss word meanings and introduce new vocabulary linked to books and events. We share reading texts and discuss comprehension questions...."I wonder why....What would happen if....How did.....What is....What would you do...?"

How you can help....

- Talk about everything! Enjoy chatting together and discuss the world around them ☺`