

'Hook' and book: Our hook this term is 'Celebration'. We will base our Literacy and Topic work around the book 'Happy Birthday Maisy'. Pupils will look at celebrations from different cultures and religions.

Maths and Numeracy

We will be singing lots of number songs and rhymes, counting to 20 and back. Pupils will learn to recognise numbers to 20. They will practise writing numbers to 10 using the correct formation. Pupils will understand the meaning of 1 more and 1 less and that 0 means none.

Using a variety of practical apparatus, the pupils will practise sorting by different criteria. They will recognise patterns and create their own.

Pupils will describe properties of 2D shapes, using mathematical language and look for 2D shapes in their local environment. They will make collage pictures using 2D shapes.

Pupils will order and compare objects by size and number. Pupils will learn to solve problems systematically.

Languages, Literacy and Communication

The pupils will be introduced to the Jolly Phonic scheme and recognise sound and digraphs. They will practise holding a pencil in a tripod grip and practise writing their name. The pupils will begin to learn cursive letter formation and use their sound knowledge to write emergently

The pupils will listen to lots of different stories related to our 'hook' as well as Oxford Reading Tree books on the listening centre.

Welsh

Pupils will be introduced to Fflic and Fflac. They will be learning new vocabulary and sentence patterns including 'Pwy wyt ti?' and 'Sut wyt ti?' We use incidental Welsh daily as part of our classroom routines.

Science and Technology

Pupils will look at nocturnal animals and the difference between day and night. They will look at a variety of light sources and the difference between transparent and opaque.

Using a word processing package, they will learn to type their name.

Expressive Arts

Pupils will learn to draw portraits using pencils and charcoal. They will also focus on using straight and curvy lines for effect. They will experience using pastels when creating artwork in the style of Van Gough's 'Field of Poppies'.

During our celebrations of different festivals pupils will experience music and dance from other cultures.

A highlight of this term is the Reception Christmas Production. The children will learn and perform dialogue, songs and dances for you.

Health and Wellbeing

Pupils will talk about what is special to them as well as discussing why we all have different likes and dislikes. Pupils will learn the importance of turn taking and the need for rules to make games fair.

Pupils will participate in Circle Time weekly, where we will discuss the qualities that make a good friend and how to solve problems. They will listen to moral stories and discuss how the characters should have acted.

In gymnastics the children will be creating different sequences of movements.

Humanities

We will be learning about Remembrance Sunday, Harvest and the Christmas Story.

As part of our hook 'Celebration', Pupils will learn about various festivals that take place throughout the year. Pupils will experience making food, crafts and hear the stories that are told.

**Termly Information Sheet for Acorns and Conkers****Teachers: Mrs Roberts and Miss Mainwaring****Start of the School Day**

Gates are manned at the start of the school day. Reception children are to enter the school via the Reception Door next to the main school entrance. The door will be open from 8:45 am to 9:00 am. If you arrive late after the door is closed then please sign your child in at the main entrance.

End of the School Day

Acorns pupils will be released through the same entrance door. Conkers will be released onto the Foundation Phase Yard, through the Reception Garden Area.

Ways To Help Your Child

You can help your child at home by practicing Jolly phonic sounds and key words daily as well as sharing a variety of books with your child to foster a love of reading.

Phonics

This term Pupils will learn one sound a day using the Jolly Phonic Scheme. Pupils will bring a sound a day home for you to reinforce with them. Stories and songs to match each sound can be found on YouTube.

Seesaw Homework

Pupils will have a Seesaw activity allocated every Friday. These need to be completed by Wednesday the following week. Homework will start on Friday 1st October. Pupils will bring home their individual QR Codes with instructions on how to access the app, that day.

Schoop

We will use the Schoop app to send messages home. The school ID is 7507. Please let your class teacher know if you are not on Schoop so you don't miss any important messages.

P.E. Kits

This term the children will be only taking off their shoes and socks to participate in PE lessons. The children will change into their PE kit during the Spring and Summer terms.

Pupils will have 1 gym/ dance lesson and 1 outdoor games lesson per week.

Clothing

Please ensure that all clothing is labelled (including shoes). All lost property is collected at the end of the day and unnamed clothing is placed in the 'Lost Property Bins' outside the office.

Wellies and Waterproofs

Please can all pupils bring a pair of waterproof trousers and wellingtons in to school. Clearly labelled with their name.

Water Bottles

Please ensure all pupils bring to school a clearly labelled sports top water bottle.

Please ensure it only contains water.

Pupils may have squash or fruit flavoured water in a separate bottle to accompany their packed lunch.

Snack

Please can pupils bring in one healthy snack clearly labelled with their name, which will be eaten during morning play. Please can grapes be cut up.

Remember to keep an eye on Facebook for updates on what we are doing throughout the week!