

Literacy

In Literacy we will be reading 'Bee and Me' by

Alison Jay but will also be reading the following books:

- Jack and the bean stalk
- Oliver's vegetables
- The world come to my place today
- The very Lazy Ladybird

We will be focusing on different characters, settings and key events in the story. Children will be encouraged to write short sentences and phrases linked to the texts and will also be learning and using new vocabulary. Children will be encouraged to engage with non-fiction texts and talk confidently about fictional stories and use questions to check their understanding.

This half term we are aiming for all children to be able to recognise and write their name without their name card, write CVC words containing the sounds that they have learnt in phonics Phase 2 and beginning of Phase 3.

Phonics

In Phonics we are learning how to orally blend and segment. For example, if we spell the word c-a-t (using letter sounds, not letter names) the children need to be able to tell us what we have spelt 'cat'.

Our daily phonics sessions this half term are focused on learning digraphs (Phase 3d) and revisiting all the sounds we have learned previously. The new sounds are sent home with children every Monday in their reading diaries.

By the end of Spring 2, we are aiming for your child to be able to read phase 2b books, fluently. Therefore, it is important that they are secure with the sounds we learn each week, so that they can use these to read 2 and 3 letter words.

Please practise ALL previous taught sounds and words.

PE

Reception children will take part in physical activity on Thursday afternoon.

Please remember to bring your PE kit 😊

Additionally, this half term we will be doing Zumba every Friday afternoon. No PE kit is needed.



Reception



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Handwriting is very important for Reception children because they need to strengthen and build control of their fingers and hands.

Please encourage your child to hold their pencil correctly at home when practising their writing

(Nip it, flip it and grip it).

Please practise this as often as possible.



In Maths we are learning and securing our knowledge of numbers 1 to 10.

This will include being able to:

- Writes numbers 0 to 10.
- Counts from 0 to 10
- Counts up to 10 objects
- Knows 1 more and 1 less than up to 10.
- Explores the composition of numbers to 10.
- Uses resources to work out number bonds to 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 10.
- Uses number bonds to subitise some amounts to 10.
- Compose and decompose shapes recognising the different shapes within shapes.
- Compare 3 objects based on length, weight and capacity.

Understanding the World

In **art**, we will be learning how to create artwork using printing techniques.

In **history**, we will learn about WW1 and the rations-Dig for Victory and what life in the war was like.

In **science**, we will be learning about plants and growing.

In **geography**, we will look at where different plants are grown and countries around the world.

In **Religious Education** we will discuss Christianity and the significance of the cross.

In **music**, our focus will be on listening to music and making links to the seasons.

For **D&T** we will look at our five senses.