

Literacy

We have begun assessing the children's understanding of phonics and group children accordingly with the majority of children beginning Phase 2 of Letters and Sounds - s,a,t,p,i,n.

Each letter is taught along with the sound it makes and has an action to accompany it to help the children remember them. For more information on this please ask. We will also be reading a selection of 'home' related stories, including 'The Three Little Pigs' and 'The House That Jack Built', as well as a selection of poetry including 'My Den' by Tony Mitton.

Maths

In Maths, we will be learning through a variety of play-based activities to include both number and shape work. We will begin to learn how to do basic addition and subtraction, place value and patterns, as well as learning about odd and even numbers. All of the children have a Mathletics login which allows them access to a range of mathematical games to play from home on a tablet or PC. Look out for your child's login in their book bags.

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Please come and speak to us should you need any assistance!

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

As we get to know each other, we will learn school boundaries, routines, how to play fairly and show our school values. We will be looking closely at our value of 'friendship' this term.

This term our topic is:
'Home, Sweet, Home'



Communication and Language

Through both classroom and circle time activities, we will be building our confidence to speak in front of our peers. We will also take part in listening games to develop an understanding for the need to listen carefully to others.

Physical Development

As well as enjoying our free-flow activities outside and use of the climbing frame, we will also have PE lessons on a **Tuesday** afternoon. Please ensure your child has a labelled PE kit in school.

Expressive Arts and Design

Linking with our science, we will be creating a variety of houses and homes using a range of materials. We will also be looking at canal boat art and use this to discuss colour and textures. We will also be listening to the world around us and exploring a variety of sounds in our local environment.

Understanding the World

As we move through the term, we will consider the seasonal changes happening around us and will also look at the importance of festivals such as Harvest. In Science, we will learn about different materials and link this with the 'Three Little Pigs'.

Dates for your diary:

Thursday 18th October - Harvest Service @ St. Giles Church 9.30am
Monday 12th November - Anti-bullying week
Monday 26th November - Open Classrooms 2.45pm - 3.05pm (more information to follow)

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