

Room 2 - Term 2 Newsletter

Literacy

Phonics – We will be continuing to learn our initial phonemes and continue to revise previous phonemes too. We will encourage the children to blend phonemes together to read simple CVC words. I would recommend using the transition pack that was issued by Miss Corke to help practise this new skill. It will allow the children to physically push letters together, using the five finger approach that they have been learning in class.

Reading – We will be continuing to read our independent reading books both in class and at home. We will be focussing on non-fiction texts this term and learning about their features. We will be exploring our Book Bug bags in class- stating our preferences and explaining why we like and dislike different texts.

Writing – We will continue to further develop our pencil control and handwriting skills, taking care of the size and shape of our letters when we are forming them during formal handwriting lessons. In writing, children will be encouraged to write under and 'have a go' at writing simple CVC words using their phonetic skills. In news writing, with support, the children will learn how to write a sentence with a capital letter and a full stop. Our focus this term will be functional writing which includes recipes and letters.

Numeracy

This term the class will be developing their numeracy skills through an active approach. We will cover the following skills;

I can recall mental addition facts to 5 / 10.

I can work out addition calculations by using a number line to count on.

I can recognise and understand the meaning of the symbols + and =.

I can create a set of addition facts to 10

I can add one by counting on from any given number

I can count on two from any given number and relate this to adding on two

I can use ordinal numbers (1st, 2nd, 3rd) in real life contexts

I can solve simple missing number equations (e.g. $3 + _ = 9$)

The children will also be exploring Information Handling this term through their topic 'Toys' they will learn;

To sort items in a variety of ways

To sort to my and others criteria

To create and read signs and charts around me

To ask questions to help gather information and display findings in different ways e.g. pictograph

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Health and Wellbeing

This term we will be looking at keeping safe and how we can get help in unsafe situations. We will be looking at different events including Guy Fawkes and Halloween and talking about keeping safe. We will be looking at winter safety too and keeping ourselves healthy during the winter months.

In Physical Education we will be exploring how to set targets with regards to our fitness and how to evaluate and work towards these goals. We will also be learning about the importance of staying active and how it makes our bodies feel.

Other areas of the Curriculum

Social Studies – Our topic this term is Toys which is history based topic with cross curricular links. We will be learning about toys from the past and having lots of fun making some toys of our own.

ICT – We will be looking at programmable toys and we will also be looking at electronics as part of our interdisciplinary topic. We will also continue our computer skills by logging on and accessing computer programmes to help enhance our literacy and numeracy skills.

RME – We will be exploring the story of Noah's Arc and Jonah and the Whale, as well as learning about the Christmas story.

Science – We will be learning about forces and describe their effects this term including push and pull factors. We will also be looking at electricity and how to keep safe.

