

Red Class Curriculum Overview

Literacy

This term we will be learning and exploring a range of nursery rhymes. These include:

- Hickory dickory dock
- Hey Diddle Diddle
- Humpty Dumpty
- Incy wincy spider



ELS Phonics – Phase 2



- WC 21st Sep: s, a, t, p (a)
- WC 28th Sep: i, n, m, d (l, the, no)
- WC 5th Oct: g, o, c, k (put, of, is)
- WC 12th Oct: ck, e, u, r (to, go, into)
- WC 19th Oct: ss, review (pull)

Maths

This term we will be focusing on building a deeper understanding of numbers 0, 1, 2 and 3. This includes:

- Counting, subitising, representing, matching numeral and amount
- Finding 1 more and 1 less
- Comparing numbers
- Composing numbers (number bonds)
- Shape, space and measure or numerical patterns, e.g. exploring triangles when exploring number 3

Communication and Language

- Focus on good listening – *look at the speaker, try to sit still, think about the same thing*
- Explore and learn new vocabulary heard in stories, conversations etc



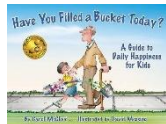
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Understanding the World

- Opportunity to explore in the reception outdoor area daily
- Celebrating Halloween
- Weekly forest school trips (starting later in the term)
- Country of the term – England
- Seasons - Autumn
- Learning about and celebrating Harvest Festival
- All about me box/bag – learning about each other and

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- Creating class rules
- Understanding ways to be kind to each other and how to fill each other's kindness bucket (using the story 'have you filled a bucket today?')
- Focus on independence, e.g. toileting, taking jumpers on and off etc.
- Supporting the children to build positive relationships with adults and their peers, learning to take turns with one another and understand each other's feelings
- Using the story 'the colour monster' to talk about emotions and help the children to self-regulate



Physical Development

- Opportunity to climb, run, ride trikes and scooters etc. in the reception outdoor area daily
- Weekly trips to the adventure playground to practise moving confidently and climbing
- Fine motor skills activities, including playdough, tweezing, threading, cutting etc.

Expressive Arts and Design

- Learning the song 'dingle dangle scarecrow' for Harvest Festival
- Self-portrait paintings
- Art tools and materials available every day
- Artwork linked to nursery rhymes
- Nursery rhyme role play – story spoons
- Construction area available daily
- Artist of the term – Wassily Kandinsky
- Recycled materials artwork

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Red Class Team

Teachers – Mrs B (Mondays and Tuesdays) and Mrs Harrison (Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays)

Teaching Assistants – Mrs Connolly and Mrs Johnson

Homework & Reading:

Starting on Friday 11th September, at the end of each week you will receive a homework letter in your child's reading folder, as well as flashcards for the sounds they have learnt that week. The homework letter will give you a brief overview of what your child has learnt that week, so that you can discuss their learning at home.

On Friday 18th September, your child will bring their first reading book home. This will be a wordless book to explore the pictures and create their own story. Please write in their reading diary every time they read their school book (with a brief comment stating how they got on with reading their book). We will then begin teaching Phase 2 sounds on Monday 21st September and your child will be given their first book with words in when they are secure with recognising the first set of sounds (s, a, t, p).

See below the **expectations** for homework

Expectation –

- Go through your child's **phonic flashcards** daily.
- Your child must **read a minimum of 4 times** a week for 10-15 minutes. This will help them become more confident, fluent readers. Children's books will be kept in school on a Thursday evening and changed every **Friday**, but only if they have read their book 4 times during the week, so please record this in your child's reading diary.

PE:

PE will be **every Tuesday**. This term, the children do NOT need PE kits. This will be needed after October half term.

Forest School:

Forest school will be **every Wednesday**. Forest school will begin on Wednesday 23rd September. You will receive more information about what you need on a separate letter. The children are expected to come into school wearing their forest school clothes, bringing their school uniform in a bag to get changed into after.

Other information

- A gentle reminder that the children should only have **water** at school, and can bring only **one healthy** snack if they do not like the school fruit.
- Please ensure all your child's school clothes, water bottles, spare clothes etc are named.
- Our Curriculum Evening will be on Wednesday 16th September 5:00 – 5:45. You will receive a letter with more information.