

May 2019

Elm Class



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We are very happy with the way the children have settled into the Nursery and we welcomed our new children in May. They are all doing well, getting used to the daily routines and have already have firm friendships.

We are doing well with our 'Wow! Wall' its looking great. Please contribute to this by making a note on a 'brick' of anything your child achieves outside of school. This can be helping at home, beginning to dress themselves, trying new foods etc. These achievements will be celebrated with the class, which helps to build your child's confidence and self-esteem. Please help yourselves to new bricks as you need them.

PE

Our PE lessons will still be on Wednesdays for this half term but will change to Tuesday for Summer. You will be informed of the date via the home school link book.

On PE day, children will come to school in their PE kits and bring their uniform in a PE bag to change into afterwards. For PE, they will need a white t-shirt, black shorts and black pumps.

A few reminders-

- If your child is leaving at the end of morning Nursery, please pick them up promptly at 12.00 because staff have other commitments from 12.00 onwards. Thank you.
- Do let us know if someone other than parents will be picking your child up from school.
- If you are late bringing your child to school, please come in through the MAIN ENTRANCE to be signed in.
- Remember to check your child's red bag every day for any letters from school or anything your child has made or drawn to bring home for you.
- When you are waiting with children at the start of the school day, and when you pick them up after school, please do not leave them unattended at any time.
- If your child is ill and unable to attend school, please call the school office first thing in the morning, on 01782 720406, to let us know. Children with sickness or diarrhoea must be absent from school for 48 hours.

Remember: The classroom door is always open should you need to speak to any member of staff about any updates or concerns connected with your child. The class teacher is always your first point of contact.

Communication and Language.

Each day we will be doing our book change. This is where we choose a book from our reading corner and are able to take it home to share. On the next day we will exchange our book for a different story book. If your child has forgotten to bring their book to school, they will still be able to choose another book that day.

Literacy.

On Mondays the children will be doing their handwriting. This is a pencil control activity of holding the pencil using a good pincer grip, and tracing over different pictures and shapes to build up their pencil confidence. Some children have started writing their first names using cursive formation and tracing over their name card and will move onto writing their surname.

Expressive Arts and Design.

What fun are having covering our Traditional Tales. For The Gingerbread Man tale we will bake a Gingerbread man and decorate it using icing. For The Three Little pigs we will create a pig face mask using an egg box for its nose. And for Little Red Riding Hood we will use the dressing up box to play the characters of Red Riding Hood and the Wolf. Summer will be full of lots of lovely activities. Designing an ice-cream flavour. Packing a sun safety suitcase and making our very own bunting to decorate our playground around our nursery building.

Maths.

On a daily basis we use our Ten Town programme working with 0-20. We listen to stories of each number, sing songs of each number and play games using the Ten Town characters.

Wednesday is our Maths day, and this is where we have do lots of different activities using 2D shapes and number games. All of this will be observed on our 2Simple programme and will be added to our maths books. Our maths activities will follow our topic of Summer/Holidays.

Understanding of the World.

Our topic this half term is Traditional Tales and will change to Summer/Holidays.

Our Traditional Tales are Jack and the Beanstalk, The Gingerbread Man, The Three Little Pigs and Little Red Riding Hood.

For our Summer/Holidays topic we will be covering sun safety where we will be learning how important it is to keep us safe on the hot days. We will learn about our world under the sea, looking at how beautiful it is but thinking about environmental waste.

Also we will find out information of our wonderful Lifeguards that keep us safe while we are having fun at the seaside.