

Summer 1—2023/2024

Notices and Reminders

Forest school is on a Thursday
PE is on a Friday – the children should be dressed in their PE kit on these days.

Reading books are changed on a Friday, please ensure your child's reading book is in their bag on this day.

Key dates

15th April – Start of term

6th May – Bank Holiday – school closed

24th May – End of half term

19th April – Athlete Visit

Communication and Language

For the majority of this half term, the children will be learning how to ask a question using who, what, where, why, when and how as a starting point. Through Talk for Writing, the children will be learning to use connectives to link their ideas together. The children will also continue to learn a range of rhymes and songs to support their learning.



Physical Development

The children will be developing their gymnastic skills this half term. They will be practising their balancing skills, making different body shapes and jumping and landing safely from a height. They will explore different ways to move through, under and over a range of apparatus, creating sequences of movement.



Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This half term, the children will be thinking about their family and friends.

The children will be thinking about how they can make friends, resolve conflict and they will be starting to understand the impact of unkind words.

The children will also be thinking about how to be the best friend they can be.

Literacy

In Phonics there are no new sounds or HRSWs taught this half term. The focus for the children will be reading words with more than one consonant at the end and an introduction to suffixes.



The children will enjoy learning our key texts which will include The Tiny Seed and Seasons Come, Seasons Go, Tree. There will be a focus on using connectives when talking and writing.

Mathematics

In maths the children will start becoming more familiar with numbers beyond 10 and the pattern improving their knowledge of the stable order counting principle.

Next the children will build on their understanding as they explore the change structure of addition by adding more. They will be increasing a quantity by a given amount, while continuing to work within 10.

Finally, we will provide opportunities for children to explore the attributes of shapes and to select shapes for a particular purpose.

Understanding the World

The children are going to be exploring primary and secondary colours and will experiment with mixing!



They will have a go at designing and building a city linking to one of our key texts 'Mixed'.

The children will then be learning about plants. Exploring different types and parts of a plant as well as learning about the life cycle of a plant. The children will then finish off the half term recapping their understanding of seasons and will hopefully be spotting signs of summer!

Expressive Arts and Design

The children will be learning how to join materials, finding out which joining technique is most appropriate for joining different materials. They will have the opportunity to design and create a scene with a moving mechanism.

In music the children will follow a musical pattern to play a selection of tuned instruments.

We will continue to learn new songs and practise old favourites!

The children will move in time to music and learn simple dance routines.

Homework

Please continue to read with your child at least four times a week. As their fluency in reading progresses, they will begin to develop their understanding of the text and you can support this by asking questions.

The children will be learning about plants next half term and you can support their learning by noticing plants and talking about them with your child and reading books about this topic!

Suggested books for reading

Mixed by Arree Chung

The Little Seed by Eric Carle

Tree: Seasons Come, Seasons Go by Patricia Hegarty

Handa's Surprise by Eileen Browne

Anansi and the Golden Pot by Taiye Selasi