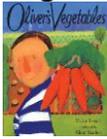


English



This term the children will be reading 'Oliver's Vegetables' by Vivian French and writing stories based on this. They will also be writing their own information texts linked to fruits and vegetables. We will also be reading The True Story of The 3 Little Pigs to link with our topic. We are focusing on handwriting, phonics, finger spaces and punctuation. The children will be practising writing simple sentences, as well as extending their writing by using adjectives and conjunctions. Please look out for the Big Write notes that your children will bring home. Discussing these with your children will hugely help them when it comes to independently writing.

Maths

This term the children will learn about place value as well as addition and subtraction. They will be counting forward and backwards in steps of 2, 5 and 10 as well as ensuring they can read and write numerals accurately. They will consider how numbers are made using tens and ones (or chips and peas as we sometimes call it) and compare amounts using the terms greater than, less than or equal to (symbols $<$ $>$ $=$ will be introduced.) The part whole model will be used to support understanding of fact families and number bonds e.g $10=9+1$, $10=8+2$, $10=7+3$ etc.

*Number bonds are sometimes called 'friendly numbers' as they are key and children require quick recall of these facts.

Topic

This term will begin with the children exploring different portraits by a range of artists. They will then study the local area with children thinking about a 'birds eye' view to help in drawing a map. They will also compare homes in the local area with those further afield as well as learn what a continent is and what the 7 continents are called.

PE and Swimming

In PE the children will be focusing on ball skills and team games. This will involve skills such as throwing, catching, kicking and rolling as well as thinking about how they can work together as a team. They will practise these through playing a variety of games. During Term 2, the children will also be swimming.

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Science

In science, the children will initially be learning about their bodies and the different senses. Later, they will focus on identifying and comparing different materials.

PSHE

Our units this term are 'Being Me in My World' and 'Healthy Me'. We use the Jigsaw approach, which encourages children to see themselves positively and think about ways to be healthy.

RE

Our unit this term is 'Who is a Muslim and how do they live?' We will be learning to identify some of the key Muslim beliefs about God. In Term two we will be thinking about what 'Christmas' and the birth of Jesus.

Computing

This term the children will be learning and using skills to create, organise, save, manipulate and retrieve digital content on laptops. They will then move onto programming using Beebots.

Please contact via Class Dojo if you have any questions or queries or I am free for a chat in the playground at 8:45am.

Reading Awards

The children will work towards their reading awards by reading aloud with an adult. Please sign their record after each read to help your child achieve their award and celebrate their success!

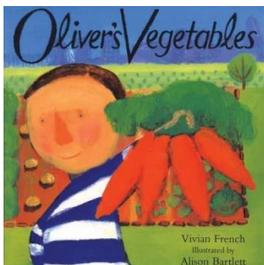
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Below is the key text that we are enjoying in English. The children have already had an opportunity to taste and enjoy different fruits and vegetables just like Oliver did in this book! The books that we use in English are available to purchase on Amazon should you wish to support your child further at home.



Year 1 and 2 Homework

Please try to read daily at home; little and often is key to securing confidence and fluency and will help your child to become the best reader they can be...sharing a book together is a real treat!

Please encourage your child to practice their key number facts using Numbots or Times Tables Rockstars. The login details are included in their reading log. Also, your child will practise their Number Clubs each Friday and will bring home a sheet to help their quick recall of these number facts. Fluency in these number facts is key to helping your child become a confident mathematician. **Year 1** children need to be able to count forwards and backwards in steps of different sizes e.g counting in 2, 5 and 10 to 100. **Year 2** need to know their 2, 5 and 10 times tables fluently and associated division facts.

Children will take a spelling test every Thursday. Please practise the weekly spellings from their **BLUE** spelling book using the games on Spelling Shed. Your child's login will be in the front of their reading log.

Big Write notes will be sent home 2 out of 3 weeks to help prepare your child to write on a **Friday**. Please take time to talk about these with your child.

Practise reading and writing phonic word spellings from their **RED** phonics home books. Also practise reading the tricky words (words that can't be sounded out using phonics). The children are also asked to practise their numerals which will be sent home in a book also.

Children will be given a topic-based project to complete. This is an opportunity for children to apply their topic learning to a fun project where they can be as creative as they wish.

Ways to help at home:

1. Encourage your child to talk about their day. Perhaps try some of these questions;
What did you do today that made you feel proud? What did you do today that really made your brain work hard? Who made you laugh today? Tell me one thing you know now that you didn't know this morning.
2. Gently rephrase their speech if it is said incorrectly.
3. Spot and discuss words, numbers and shapes in signs/shops/clocks when out and about.
4. Encourage your child be familiar with different denominations of money when spending at a shop.
5. Play board games and card games to learn the values of sharing, co-operation and problem solving.
6. Help them become as independent as possible by encouraging them to dress themselves.
7. Read the time together looking at the minute and the hour hand to tell o'clock and half past.

Here is a selection of educational maths games and songs;

<https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/subjects/zjxhfg8>

<http://www.primarygames.co.uk/>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7-years/counting>

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/kids-activities/fun-maths-games-and-activities/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sport/supermovers/426124>

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