

What are we learning about this half term?

During the first three weeks of this half term our learning will be based around the story of 'Owl Babies' by the author Martin Waddell. We will then be participating in our whole school Shakespeare Week. The remainder of the half term will focus on identifying changes that occur in the spring and learning the Easter story.

Literacy

As readers, we will be learning:

- That digraphs are two letters make one sound and trigraphs are three letters that make one sound
- To use narrative to retell a story
- To decode regular words and read some common irregular words (keywords)
- That information can be retrieved from books and the computer

As writers, we will be learning:

- To write the same number of words as in our spoken sentence
- To write sentences and captions to tell a story or facts
- To start a sentence with a capital letter and end it with a full stop



Reception Class



Mathematics

As mathematicians we will be learning to:

- Order objects by height
- Talk about money using the correct words
- Use and learn everyday language related to time
- Take one number away from another
- Use the right mathematical language when adding and taking away
- Solve mathematical problems
- Count backwards from a given number
- Count out objects from a large group
- Estimate the amount of objects and check by counting

Understanding of the World

- As scientists, we will be looking at nocturnal animals and describing their features and we will look at the world around us and how it changes during the springtime.
- As historians, we will be discovering who William Shakespeare was and what life was like for him.
- As technicians we will be using a range of different technology and looking at this in our environment.

Expressive Arts and Design

- As musicians, we will be building a repertoire of songs, accompanied by musical instruments.
- As artists, we will be creating a storyline in our play. We will experiment with colour and texture when creating representations of animals and Spring.
- As designers, we will be we will be constructing models of owls and their habitats and adapting them to suit their purpose.

Physical Development

- As gymnasts, we will be learning to control and co-ordinate movements on and off equipment.
- As writers, we will be learning how to form letters correctly.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- We will be discussing how to negotiate and solve problems that may arise in the classroom.
- We will be talking about what we are good at and what we find more difficult.

Class Routines

- P.E. will now be on a Thursday morning and Sport on Tuesday afternoons. Please ensure your child brings their outdoor kit on a Tuesday.
- Swimming will continue to be on a Wednesday morning.
- Reading books will continue to be changed twice a week. Remember to keep a record in your child's planner when they read at home. Regular reading at home and practising keywords is **very** important.