

Drawing Club

This half term the pupils will be taking part in Drawing Club. This is a daily activity which focuses on a book each week. The focus is to engage the children in mark making and creating marks for a purpose by using 'special codes.' These codes might be writing a sound or a tricky word.

Our books throughout the half term will be

- Not Now Bernad
- The Magic Porridge Pot
- What's in the Witches Kitchen?
- Monsters Rule
- The hairy Toe

Understanding the World

This term, we will be exploring the world around us through two main focuses: **Geography and History**. We will encourage the children to talk about their own experiences, share what they already know, ask questions and make connections between the past and the world they live in today.

Geography - Maps

Our Geography focus will be maps and our local environment. We will be learning about places that are familiar to us and beginning to understand how maps can help us find and represent different places.

History - Past & Present

In History, we will be exploring the idea of past and present through things that are familiar and meaningful to the children. We will look at how homes, schools and transport have changed over time.

Water Class - Autumn 1 Marvellous Me



Expressive Arts & Design

This half term we will be looking at mono printing focussed on the topic 'Marvellous Me.' Drawing their favourite things and their emotions with paint and then printing them. We will also making self portraits using a range of different tools. There will also be opportunities throughout the term for the mixing of primary colours to make secondary colours.



Mathematics

This half term we will be focussing on subitising and the numbers 0-5. We will use different resources to explore the composition of these numbers using 5 frames, our fingers and counters. We will look at ordering the numbers from 0-5 introducing the language more and fewer. We will orally count forwards and backwards from 10 and we will start to explore patterns using lots of resources.

PSHE

In PSHE we will be focussing on building relationships. We will look at, our family, special people, sharing, how we are unique, our interests, similarities and differences.

Phonics

This term, we will be starting our phonics journey. The pupils will be learning their phase 2 sounds starting off with satpin. As the half term progresses, we will introduce tricky words, segmenting and blending.

Reading

After the first few weeks the pupils will be given wordless books for you to take home and engage with at home. As their phonics progresses, they will move on to having level appropriate books to read. We will provide you with a reading record to record when your child reads at home. We also have 'rocket readers!' Every time you read with your child and write it in their record, we record this and when they hit different checkpoints they receive a certificate in our celebration assembly.

Cooking- Once the children have settled into their new environment, we will be starting to do cooking each week. The children will learn a wide range of skills whilst learning how to follow basic recipes to cook/bake a wide range of different foods. We do ask for a donation each term (Autumn, Spring, Summer) to help with the costs of providing the ingredients each week for the children to bake. This can be done by putting money into an envelope with the child's name on it and handed either into the office or to myself or Mrs Brown. If you do have the means to help donate towards this we greatly appreciate it 😊

Spinney - Water Class will be in the Spinney on Friday afternoons starting from w/c 21st September
Please send your child in with a named Spinney kit in a bag (waterproofs, joggers/leggings, long sleeved top, wellies. Clothes you don't mind getting mucky 😊)



Tapestry - Hopefully, you have all received your activation link for Tapestry. If you already have an account from a previous child, you should be able to log in using your existing account. Each week, I will upload information about what we will be learning in class, including the sounds we will be focusing on, the Drawing Club book we will be reading, and what our weekly Maths learning will look like. Throughout the year, we will also share observations and updates about your child's learning and experiences in school. Tapestry is also a wonderful way for parents and carers to share things from home and for children to show their peers what they have been getting up to. Please feel free to upload photos, videos or updates to your account – we would love to see what the children have been doing outside of school! 😊

Dates for your diary so far:

- W/C Monday 14th September- Children in till the end of lunch time.
- W/C Monday 21st September - Children in for the full day.
- Friday 9th October- Harvest Festival at the Church (AM)
 - Monday 12th October - Parents Evening
 - Wednesday 14th October - Parents Evening
 - Friday 23rd October - INSET Day