

Summer 1 2019

Welcome back! It is lovely to see all of the children back in class.

Topic



This half term our thematic unit this half term is the 'Natural World' with our focus being 'Plants'. We will be exploring plants and non-plants, naming / matching parts of a plant or flower, going on a plant walk to see what we can find locally, we will be growing some of our own plants, caring for them too!

Our Values focus for the first half term is 'Happiness'. We will look for opportunities to recognise this value and what or how we create happiness. This will be carried out in class and throughout the week and individuals will be recognised in our assemblies.

We will also begin our RSE work focusing on being a boy / girl, bodies, touch (kind / inappropriate), friendships and hygiene. Please note we will be using the correct terms for all body parts.

In the cookery lessons this term the children will be making a variety of muffins using a range of equipment, following instructions and developing independence skills.

English



This half term our school focus is on famous authors. As we have had limited opportunity to explore our Spring books we will be reading books by Julia Donaldson (A Squash and a Squeeze and Room on the Broom). We will be starting with 'A Squash and a Squeeze' for three weeks before moving on to 'Room on the Broom'. We will be using a combination of the actual book, powerpoints and simplified text as appropriate. The children will be developing reading skills, word and symbol matching, sequencing as well as practising storytelling and role play skills in activities linked to the story.

Amazon's description of the book A Squash and a Squeeze: *A little old lady lives all by herself but she's not happy – her house is just too small, even for one. Whatever can she do? The wise old man knows: bring in a flappy, scratchy, greedy, noisy crowd of farmyard animals. When she pushes them all out again, she'll be amazed at how big her house feels!*

Amazon's description of the book *Room on the Broom*: *The witch and her cat fly happily over forests, rivers and mountains on their broomstick until a stormy wind blows away the witch's hat, bow and wand. Luckily, they are retrieved by a dog, a bird and a frog, who are all keen for a ride on the broom. It's a case of the more, the merrier, but the broomstick isn't used to such a heavy load and it's not long before . . . SNAP! It breaks in two! And with a greedy dragon looking for a snack, the witch's animal pals better think fast.*

Mathematics

In Maths this term, we will be covering Number, Measure and Using and Applying each week. The children will typically have two classroom based lessons and one computer based lesson. Throughout the half term we will be focusing on: counting, quantities, size, positional language, coins and role play shopping.

Computing

Through our Computing sessions we will aim to develop Maths skills and to support learning in Science and English. Activities will encourage the children to use the mouse and keyboard to develop their skills, as well as supporting them in understanding concepts.

Throughout the term we will continue to have regular walks to support the children in developing their road safety awareness and knowledge of the local area. We are looking for children to become more aware of their surroundings and in keeping themselves safe with, as well as exploring plant life locally.

In addition, we are hoping to establish a regular art slot where the children are free to express themselves... it might get messy! Thank you for sending in spare art clothes for these sessions.

If you have any questions or queries please feel free to email Green Class