



Shilton Infant School



Foundation Stage Sharing our Learning Newsletter Autumn 2019 1st half term



This half term our topics will be: Ourselves, Autumn and Traditional Stories

Topic work

Our topic will hopefully enable us to get to know the children well as they settle into school. We will be learning together about: families, friends, homes, and favourite things. We will also think about autumn, harvest time and Traditional stories. The reception children will be going on an autumn themed trip (more details later). Towards the end of the half term we will all join together for the first of our special creative weeks this school year. It will be all about Entertainment and Circuses and all the children will have the opportunity to take part in lots of really exciting activities (more details will be sent later).

Literacy in the Nursery

The children will enjoy a story session in a small group each day linked to the topic wherever possible. These story sessions will often include the use of a wide range of puppets and story sacks to help stimulate interest and enthusiasm. All children will have the opportunity to select their own library book each week from a selection specifically purchased for this age group. There will also be lots of opportunities to 'play write' especially in the role play area. A wide range of drawing and writing materials are always available on the drawing trolley. We will also be introducing 'funky fingers' activities which help to develop pre writing skills. We will be playing lots of games to encourage speaking and listening skills and learning lots of nursery rhymes and songs.

Literacy in Classes 2 & 3:

We will be playing lots of games and taking part in 'Speaking Stone' sessions to encourage speaking and listening skills. All children will begin to learn the sounds from the Letters and Sounds scheme and this work will be consolidated by a variety of games and fun activities. Reading book characters from the Oxford Reading tree scheme will be introduced and key words sent home. There will also be lots of opportunities to 'play write' especially in the role play areas. A wide range of drawing and writing materials are always available in the writing area. We will also be focussing on name writing with correct letter formation and the use of a capital letter at the beginning of the name only. Reception children will also take part in 'Funky Finger' activities and Ready Steady Write sessions.

Magic Maths' in Nursery:

The children will sing a wide range of number songs and rhymes and again these will often be supported by the use of visual aids such as puppets and pictures. They will practise counting through lots of fun games and activities. During the first half term nursery children are settling into school, learning new routines and beginning to learn the names of other children and staff. They are encouraged to try lots of different activities to develop all areas of learning.

Magic Maths' in Classes 2 and 3:

The children will be learning about numbers to 20: counting in sequence, recognising number symbols, ordering number symbols, counting objects accurately and beginning to find one more than a number to 10. They will also learn to recognise and talk about the properties of a range of 2D and 3D shapes.

You can help your child by:-

- Talking with them as much as you can about anything and everything.
- Sharing books together talking about the pictures, characters and words.
- Counting objects around the home.
- Looking at and naming shapes and colours around the home and when you are out and about.
- Practising putting on own coats and fastening buttons and zips at home to make your child more independent.
- Encouraging your child to be as independent as possible when using the toilet and washing hands.
- Please ensure all your child's clothes are clearly named especially new school jumpers and cardigans.
- Enjoy singing the songs and rhymes on the sheet provided.



Have fun!

Aim high!

Achieve well!

Dates and events in school this half term

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