



Shelton Infant School



Foundation Stage

Sharing our Learning Newsletter Summer 2018 1st half term



This half term we will be taking part in a literacy based project called 'Trouble in Shell Bay'

Topic work

'Trouble in Shell Bay' will incorporate a wide range of cross curricular activities including opportunities for music, art work, ICT, drama, maths, science, DT and imaginative play.

Please note the following special days:

Week 23rd—27th April: Shelton Sculpts Week

Wednesday 2nd May: Technology Day

Wednesday 9th May: Senses Day

Tuesday 15th May: Classes 2 & 3 will visit the Sealife Centre Birmingham

Wednesday 23rd May: Open classroom Day—come and see all our Shell Bay work—(details & times will be given later)

Literacy in the nursery:

The children will enjoy a story session each day linked to the topic. 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. A wide range of drawing and writing materials are always available on the drawing trolley. Children will be encouraged to recognise and write their own names using a capital letter at the beginning only. Lots of reading and writing opportunities will be provided in the role play areas which will include a lighthouse and a mermaid's cave. The children in the nursery will also begin Phase Two of the Letters and Sounds phonic scheme part way through this term and will be introduced to one sound each week as follows: s, a, t & p.

Literacy in Classes 2 & 3:

The children will continue to work in streamed phonics groups .

We will also be working on the following; Correct letter formation Thinking about capital letters, full stops and finger spaces in independent writing. Thinking about the correct spelling of high frequency words and tricky words. Ensuring our independent writing makes sense and sentences are correctly formed. Continuing to take part in shared reading sessions. Taking part in a range of drama activities arising from The Trouble in Shell Bay adventure.

Maths in the 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 be looking at the number symbols 1 to 10 and practicing counting through games and activities including work on the computers.

Maths in Classes 2 and 3:

We will be attempting to solve a wide range of addition and subtraction problems, learning about 3D shapes and their properties, revising our work on measures and solving a range of problems that involve doubling, halving and sharing.

You can help your child by:-

- Talk with them as much as you can about anything and everything.
- Read lots of traditional stories and encourage your child to join in.
- Enjoy singing the songs and rhymes on the sheet provided
- Play simple board games together.
- Look at and talk about numbers all around you, in the house, on the street, on buses, cars etc.
- Encourage your child to be as independent as possible.

Have fun!

Aim high!

Achieve well!

Dates and events in school this half term

Don't forget - Religious Trail dates

Money and consent forms back by Tuesday 6th November please.

Temples trip - Monday 19th November, St Edmunds Church Thursday 22nd November.

All children should wear trousers and have a head scarf for the temples.