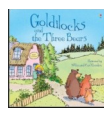
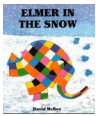


Literacy

In Literacy we will be looking at the stories 'Rainbow Fish', 'Elmer in the Snow', 'Little Red Riding Hood' and 'Goldilocks'. We will work on retelling these stories through play, ordering events from the story, writing words and sentences from the stories and making up our own stories based on these.



In our daily Phonics lesson in F2, we will focus on learning how to say, recognise and write each new phoneme. We will also practise our blending and segmenting skills.

F1 will start Phase 1 phonics and work on listening skills.

Art and Design Technology

We will focus on colour this half term; naming and mixing colours, investigating shade and tint and we will practise our paintbrush skills when painting colourful elephants. We will also look at the work of the artist 'Kandinsky', and begin to create art-work in his style.



Science

In Science we will learn about Winter and look for patterns and change on our Winter walk. We will also investigate colour by making spinners. Linked with our text, we will be making porridge and will explore how it changes as it is cooked.



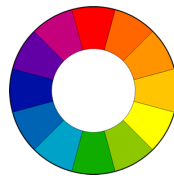
Maths

In Maths we will be continuing to work on recognising, writing and ordering numerals. We will become confident in counting, knowing one more and less and we will start to add groups together.

We will also work on shape, size and measuring in our work and play.



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PE

We will be practising lots of warm up games and will start to recognise the changes on our bodies as we do exercise. This half term we will focus on 'Gymnastics' and we will learn how to move our bodies in different ways including stretches, balances and rolls.



ICT

We will be using Colour Magic to create colourful Elmer pictures to develop our mouse control. We will also learn the basics of coding; giving instructions to programmable toys, and using basic programmes on the I-Pads and computers to make characters move.



Geography

We will explore clothing for different weathers, and we will also compare our local town environment to the woods where Little Red Riding Hood lives.



RE

In RE, we will be learning from the story of 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dream Coat'. We will also explore Chinese New Year and the story and customs associated with it.



PSHE

In PSHE, we will be naming our feelings and we will learn to work as part of a team by sharing, following rules and managing our feelings and behaviour.



Music

This half term we will explore a variety of percussion instruments and investigate how to change their sound by playing loudly/ quietly and slowly/ quickly.



Muddy Explorers

In Muddy Explorers, the children have the opportunity to take part in various learning activities outside. This could be exploring wildlife, making mud pies and potions or focusing on the differences between the seasons.

Please ensure your child brings named wellies and a waterproof into school on the following days:

F1a (Mrs Foster) - Monday

F1b (Mrs Fryer) - Thursday

Rainbow Room - Tuesday

Yellow Room - Thursday

Rocket words

Children in F2 will be given spellings to learn and practice at home. These spelling words are known as high frequency 'rocket' words that the children are likely to come across or need in their reading and writing. Please help your child to practise these at home. Once they have learnt to read and spell the words on their rocket card please let your child's teacher know and we will test them on 'spelling day' and send the next rocket home if your child reads and spells all ten words correctly.

Spelling Day...



Rainbow Room - Wednesday

Yellow Room - Friday

P.E.

Your child needs an indoor PE kit to stay in school for the whole half term. Please make sure each item is named. We will send the kit home to be washed at the end of each half term.

Ball Skills

Ball skills will take place on a Monday for F1a, Yellow Room and Rainbow Room. F1b will have ball skills on a Friday. Please bring in an outdoor kit with trainers on the appropriate day. This will then be returned at the end of the day.

Reading Books

Children in F2 will have their books changed on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday if necessary. Please remember to write a simple comment each time you listen to your child read. We only change books once they have been read at home so it is important to write a comment in the learning journal. Every child in F2 will read to a member of the Foundation Stage team. This may be individually or in a small guided reading group. Please send your child's learning journal into school everyday so that they can read in school. We aim to assess your child's reading once every half term to check whether their current book band is at the appropriate level of challenge for them. Regular short bursts of reading at home can make a huge difference at this age. Please carry on reading to your children at bedtime too!



- Please ensure that book bags and reading books are brought into school every day.
- Clearly labelled water bottles will be sent home every Friday to be washed and returned on Monday.
- Please ensure that all of your child's uniform and belongings are labelled clearly.
- To help your child please practise:
 - * putting on their own coats and zipping them up
 - * taking their shoes on and off
 - * dressing and undressing themselves

If you have any spare time during the school day we always appreciate parents and grandparents coming in to help in class and on school visits. Please let your child's teacher know if you are able to help.

