



Literacy

In Literacy and in our daily guided reading sessions, we will look at a range of different texts, including:

- fiction books such as Meerkat Mail and Beegu
- non-fiction texts linked to our topic
- instructions
- postcards and letters

The main learning focusses will be on planning and checking with an emphasis on correct use of tense and extended sentences. We will continue to develop correct pencil grip as well as handwriting and presentation skills

Your child will also take part in reading, sentence and phonic activities during Guided Reading sessions throughout the week.

Phonics and learning spelling rules

Children are grouped according to their current level for their daily phonics session. This term they will be learning their phase 3 sounds and their top 100 high frequency words.

Maths

- Counting to and across 100, forwards and backwards, beginning with 0 or 1, or from any given number
- identifying one more and one less from any given number
- identifying and representing numbers using objects and pictorial representations including the number line, and use the language of: equal to, more than, less than (fewer), most, least
- reading and writing numbers from 1 to 20 in numerals and words
- reading, writing and interpreting mathematical statements involving addition (+), subtraction (-) and equals (=) signs
- Sequencing events in chronological order using language such as: before and after, next, first, today, yesterday, tomorrow, morning, afternoon and evening
- Recognising and using language relating to dates, including days of the week, weeks, months and years
- Recognising and naming common 2-D shapes including squares and circles

Our learning unit is...

Marvellous Me!



Other Information:

Library Books

Your child will have library time once a week where they will be able to change their book if they wish. Please let us know if they need to change their book at a different time.

Water Bottles

Drinking water regularly, throughout the day, hydrates the brain and helps your child to learn. Please ensure they have a named water bottle in school and that it is taken home and cleaned on a regular basis.

Homework

Each week your child should be:

- reading and evidencing this in their reading diary,
- learning their spellings and number facts / number bonds.

Every half term children will receive a selection of activities for them to complete over that half term.

Reading / Spelling

These will continue to be checked in school once a week. It is important the children get the chance to practise at home as well as in school and your support with this is greatly appreciated.

Suggestions to help your child at home...

- Share books daily with your child. Listen to them read and also read to them, talking about the things you have read.
- Why not try writing notes to each other or sending postcards to family and friends. Talk about the order of the sentences and the language used.
- Look at photos of when you were babies. How have you changed?
- What do we need to stay healthy and well?

Useful websites:

- <http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/barnabybear/>
- www.phonicsplay.co.uk
- <http://www.iboard.co.uk/>

Science – Animals, including humans

Our science work will be linked to our Marvellous Me topic. The children will have opportunities to find out about themselves and their senses.

Seasonal Science

We will be observing and collecting information on the Autumn season.

PE

Games: Ball Skills

Gymnastics : Making shapes high and low with varied apparatus.

PE Days

PE days are Wednesday and Thursday. Please check your child has suitable footwear as well as warm outdoor clothing. Long hair should be tied up.

Geography – Our Local Area

We will be exploring the area around us and comparing areas. Children will investigate different features within Hedge End through local walks.

RE – Thankfulness

Children will have opportunity to find out about Harvest time and Sukkot, understanding how and why these festivals are celebrated.

Personal, Social and Moral Education

New Beginnings

Recognising and responding to different emotions

Working Well together

Knowing how to be a good friend and solve problems

DT – Healthy Eating

The children will be looking at healthy eating and lifestyles as well as creating a healthy fruit snack.

Computing – Using technology to learn

We will be exploring the tools within different software at school to understand how it works.

Music - Ourselves

This term we will be exploring and using vocal sounds, chanting and singing rhymes and songs illustrating mood. We will play an increased range of sounds beginning to use correct percussion techniques and showing awareness of the use of the dominant hand.