



Welcome back to school! We hope that you have all had a fantastic break and we can't wait for lots of exciting learning in the half term ahead.

Mrs Lawrence (Monday, Tuesday) and Miss Firth (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday)

Maths

In Maths we will be focusing on:

- Identify, describe and sort circles, triangles, squares and rectangles.
- Understand and use positional language such as in, on, under, behind, in front and in between.
- Comparing and ordering sets.
- Identifying representations of 4 and 5.
- Subitising and counting objects reliably to 5.
- Mark making to represent 4 and 5.
- Find one more and one less than 4 and 5.
- Know the difference between day and night.
- Sequence events.



English:

In English we will be focusing on:

- Retelling familiar stories using own words and recently introduced vocabulary.
- Recognising the sounds ss, ll, ff, v, w, x, y, z, qu, ch, sh, th, ng, nk
- Recognising the tricky words as, and, has, his, her, go, no, to. Into, she, he, of, we, me and be.
- Blending sounds together to read words using the taught sounds.
- Segment the sounds in words to write.



Understanding of the World

This half term we will be focusing on the topic of Transport. The children will:

- Name and describe types of transport.
- Be aware of safety when we travel around.
- Know there are different types of transport around the world.
- Know that transport in the past was different from today.
- Know that Ernest Shackleton travelled to Antarctica and travelling to cold places



Expressive Arts and Design:

In Expressive Arts and Design we will be focusing on:

- Exploring music from different celebrations.
- Exploring how colours can represent different seasons.
- Pissarro's season paintings.
- Design and create a boat.
- Cutting a range of shapes with scissors.



PE:

We have PE sessions on Wednesdays. Please make sure that both indoor and outdoor kits are in school on these days.

In PE we will be focusing on:

- Develop movements of running, jumping, stopping, throwing and catching.

PSHCE & RE:

In PSED we will be focusing on:

- Teamwork and sharing; working together and waiting to take turns.
- How can I help my friends?



Class messages:

- Children can bring a bottle of water to access each day.
- Homework is set on a Friday and is to be brought in the following Thursday. Children will receive a Phonics and Maths activity.
- In Reception we use the Little Wandle Reading Books. The children read their book three times in school before bringing it home on a Friday. Please record any reading (not just school books) in your child's reading record and send them into school each day with their reading book.
- The children will visit the library each week on a Tuesday. Please ensure their library book is kept in their book bag.
- Please ensure you are signed up to SEESAW to see all of the latest school updates. If you are struggling to access please speak to a member of staff as soon as possible.



Important dates to remember:

- Tuesday 1st November and Thursday 3rd November—Parent consultations.
- Tuesday 15th November—Trip to The Rex Cinema
- Week commencing 21st November—Reception stay and play sessions—Further Information to follow.
- Friday 16th December—Break up for Christmas holidays.