

Curriculum Overview for F.S.

Literacy

As story tellers—

At the start of this term we will be sharing stories about new beginnings and starting school. We will be thinking about the hats different people in our community wear, such as the police, as well as singing nursery rhymes to begin to recognise rhyme and rhythm. We will begin to learn letters and to distinguish sounds towards the end of the term, linking them to their corresponding letter shapes. We will be involved in various pre-writing activities and learning to write our name in a pre-cursive style.

Expressive arts and Design

As artists -Our class has a creative area which encourages children to express themselves using paints, drawing, collage, junk modelling, salt dough and printing on a daily basis.

As musicians —We will be singing songs related to our topic as well as Harvest and number songs.

As actor and actresses This half term we will have a home corner for the children to enjoy and later in the term we will create a an area in line with the children's learning and developing interests.

Mathematics

As mathematicians—

This term we will be rote counting to 10 then moving onto 20 and possibly beyond! We will be focusing on recognising numerals 0-10 and associating them with their corresponding amounts. We will be investigating 2D shapes and their properties, including going on a 'shape hunt' in school. We will begin to use language to investigate size; measuring height and length.

Understanding the World

As scientists—

This term we will be thinking about ourselves and what our bodies can do. We will also focus on the 5 senses and helping the children to understand each one through investigations and games. We will be labelling body parts and thinking about how to keep our bodies healthy. Also during this half term we will be learning about our new school environment.



Personal, Social and Emotional development

As friends -

During this first half term we will be helping the children to settle into the school routines and their new environment. We will be encouraging the children to share their thoughts and feelings with the class and learning all about their new friends. We will also be promoting respect for others, sharing, turn taking and the school values and rights.

Communication, Language and Literacy.

As communicators -

This term we be learning to develop our listening skills through games and stories. We will be encouraging the children to talk to their friends and share ideas, and in return listening to the ideas of their friends as a way of developing games, play and friendships.

Physical Development

As sport girls and boys— Children will learn to undress and dress for P.E. sessions independently. We will encourage children to follow simple instructions and stay safe when moving as a group. The focus for this term will be on finding and moving into a 'safe space', handling equipment and stopping on command. Outside we will look at using a ball. Children will also be developing their fine motor control through a range of activities, such as; manipulating play dough, threading string, completing small scale puzzles and mark making using a variety of different media.



Important Dates

PE will take place on an ad hoc basis as and when the children are ready. Therefore please make sure that full PE kits are in school every day, long hair is always tied back and all jewellery removed.

All children stay for lunch (1.15pm) – 18th September

All children in full time – 25th September

Last day of term – 20th October

Homework

Reading is expected to take place every day at home. Please make a record of your child's reading in their red reading journal. Listening to your child read at home every day will play a vital role in helping them to develop a love for reading and applying the sounds that they have been learning in class.

Other Information

Please make sure that all belongings and items of clothing are clearly labelled, including shoes, socks and water bottles, as these can easily be mislaid.

If you wish your child to receive milk during morning break time, please complete the on line registration. School milk is free until your child is 5.

Please can you ensure that your child always has a coat in school as the children do play outside whatever the weather.

Useful Websites:

Phonics

<http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/freeIndex.htm>

http://www.familylearning.org.uk/phonics_games.html

<http://www.theschoolrun.com/what-are-phonics-phases>

<http://www.letters-and-sounds.com/>

Handwriting

<http://www.letterjoin.co.uk> - Username: kings Password: cliffe

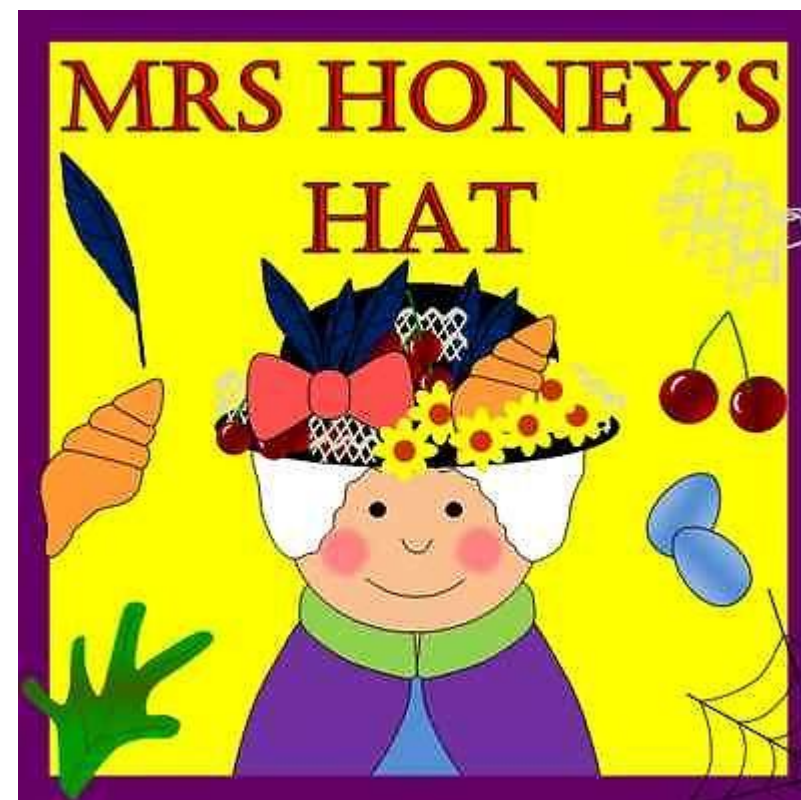


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If you have any questions or comments, please speak to me in the playground at the end of the day, or you can write a note in the reading diary. If you wish to discuss an issue in more depth, please do not hesitate to make an appointment.

Mrs Yarland

Mrs Honey's Hats!



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