

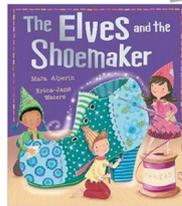
Emerald Class Newsletter



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Curriculum information

Our topic in term 5 is 'Our favourite stories'



This term our topic is 'Our favourite stories'. Each week we will choose a different story to focus on, starting with the Elves and the Shoemaker.

Our role play area will be a shoe shop. We will also read Jack and the Beanstalk. The children will be planting beans and lots of other seeds for our garden.

In **maths** this term, we will be learning how to use a number line to add and subtract, counting in 2s, 5s and 10s, sharing objects between different numbers of children (introduction to division), revisiting money - recognising different coins and choosing the correct ones to pay with and learning number bonds to 10 e.g. $5+5=10$, $2+8=10$, $4+6=10$.

In **literacy**, we will be reading lots of our favourite stories. We will be predicting how stories might end, using puppets to retell stories, writing instructions and labelling maps.

In **phonics**, the children will be continuing to either recap phase 2 or 3 with the focus on blending and segmenting with all the sounds and tricky words they now know. We will be writing simple sentences remembering capital letters, full stops and finger spaces.

Spellings - the children will be bringing home 4 spellings to learn each week. Please help your child to learn to write these words. The children will write these words out each Tuesday before receiving new ones to learn.

Reading books

Reading is a tricky skill to master and your child will benefit from **reading with you at home as much as possible**. Books are changed on Mondays and Thursdays. Children can also read books from home or the local library. As well as listening to your child read, please ask them questions about the book to increase their comprehension e.g. predict what will happen in the story, predict the ending, retell the story in their own words, talk about feelings of the characters in the book. Re-reading the book will increase your child's enjoyment and increase fluency.

Any questions, please ask.



P.E is on Monday.

We will be practising our ball skills this term and learning to play cricket. If the weather is nice, we will be doing our PE lessons on the field.

Please ensure your child has plimsols that still fit.



How can you help at home?

Writing simple sentences and tricky words.

Regular reading e.g. books, signs etc.

Recognising numbers to 20, one more/less.
Telling the time.

Recognising and using coins.

PLEASE ADD OBSERVATIONS TO YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING JOURNAL.



Reading and homework books

In preparation for year 1, the children will now be expected to take their homework book (on Wednesdays) and their reading books (on Mondays and Thursdays) out of their book bag.

Please remind your child on these days.

Water bottles

Please could you ensure that your child brings a named drink bottle to school each day, to have in the classroom. **This should contain water only, no juice or squash**



Clothing

Please make sure all items of your child's clothing has their name on it.

As the weather is getting warmer your child may bring in a hat. Please ensure these clearly have their name on it. Sun cream can be worn but this must be applied before school. Thank you in advance.