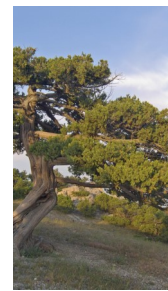




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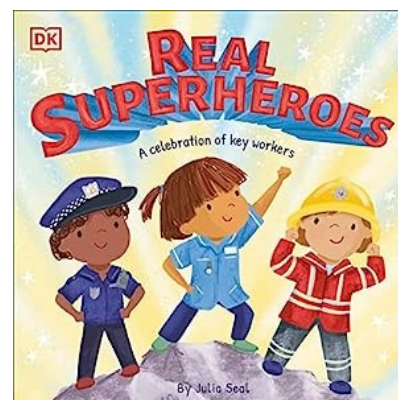
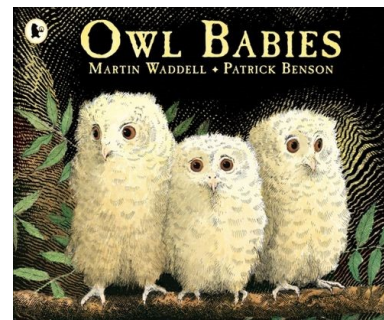


Marvellous Me

Our first topic this year is 'Marvellous Me'. This will be a great opportunity to talk about ourselves and get to know each other. We will explore our likes and dislikes and celebrate our similarities and differences. We will also talk about our families and the people who are special to us and will have the opportunity to create our own family trees. We will discuss important events in our lives and will learn that a birthday celebrates the day we were born. We will be answering the enquiry question - What makes me special?

After half term, we will learn to identify different feelings and will get to know people in our school who can help us. In addition to this, we will learn about people who help us in our community such as police officers, doctors, lifeguards and fire fighters. We will also investigate the celebrations of Diwali and Christmas and will learn that although people celebrate different things, the way people celebrate is similar. We will be answering the enquiry question - What makes a community?

Book recommendations



Class Dojo

Please use Class Dojo to share your child's learning with us! We love to see photos of the amazing things they do at home to make you proud!

We would also love you to share photos of anything exciting they do during the weekends! The children love sharing what they have been up to and it is a really good opportunity for them to practise those important talking skills!

English

In English this half term, we will be exploring the story 'Elmer' and will learn about why it is good to be different. We will learn to listen to a story carefully and answer questions about what we have heard. We will work hard to retell the story in our own words and sequence the main events.

We will be taking part in phonics sessions daily, following the Essential Letters and Sounds scheme where we will be investigating initial sounds of words and will be working very hard to segment and blend CVC words. Children will learn 2 new phonemes a week. Please talk to them at home about the sounds they have learnt and encourage them to practise them.

We will also be working on writing our names daily. We will begin by writing our first names then once children are secure with this, we will move on to writing our surnames. Please support your child to practise writing their name at home. They should be writing in the lower case with a capital letter only at the beginning. E.g. Rosie.



Maths

We will begin this half term by learning all about patterns. We will be looking at patterns in our environment, making our own patterns and completing repeating patterns. Children will look at simple patterns involving colour, shape, pictures and numbers. They will have the opportunity to use a wide range of resources in the classroom environment to explore continuing and creating their own patterns in their play.

Following on from this, we will start looking at number. Focusing on the facts of numbers 0, 1, 2 and 3 to begin with. We will be unpicking how the number is made ($1+1=2$, $0+2=2$, $2+0=2$) and rehearsing number facts.

In addition to this, we will be counting objects and looking at numbers in our environment as well as encouraging children to write their numbers using the correct number formation.



Maths Vocabulary

Pattern

Repeating pattern

Shape

Number

Number formation

Digit

Counting

Zero

One

Two

More

Less

Add

Equals

Reading

Children will bring home a reading for pleasure book as well as a reading book linked to current phonics learning each week.

Please listen to your child read as often as possible at home and no less than 4 times a week! Reading at home will support children to make better progress in reading. Please record any reading done at home in their reading record.

Reading books should be brought to school every day so that we can listen to children read in school as well.

Outdoor Play

We will be playing outside every day, regardless of the weather. Please ensure your child comes to school with appropriate clothing for the weather.

Raincoats and wellies if it's wet and hats and sun-cream applied on hot days. Please also ensure they bring a named water bottle to school every day.

PE

Our PE day will be a Wednesday this half term.

Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit clearly labelled with their name. Earrings must be removed for this day.

PE kit consists of:

Plain white t-shirt

Black shorts/joggers

Trainers (outside) or Plimsolls (inside)

Please encourage your child to practise getting changed into their PE kit and school uniform at home. Being able to dress independently is an important part of our curriculum and while we will support children where necessary, we will be encouraging them to be as independent as possible when changing for PE.

Dates For Your Diary

20th - 31st October: Half term

11th -12th November: Parents' evening

14th November: Children in Need

17th - 21st November: Anti-bullying week

10th December: Christmas Fair (3:30-5:30)

19th December: Book Bus

22nd December - 5th January: Christmas break

We look forward to working with you this half term!

Mrs Eden-Smith,

Mrs Fletcher,

Miss Haywood