

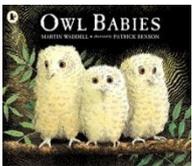
Curriculum News Miss Hatter's Class - Spring 3 2020

Topic

Our first topic will be focussed around Toys; our key questions are:

- Which is my favourite toy? Why?
- How do toys work? (push, pull, lights, sounds etc)
- How have toys changed? How are they similar? different?
- What are toys made from? (material types)
- Can I play a game? Can I play fair and follow the rules?

Please come and join us if you can to play a selection of games during our Parent Drop in on Wednesday morning.



We will be then move onto The Owl Babies to explore light and dark, shadows, researching animal facts for owls using the internet and information books, creating bird feeders and taking part in the RSPB Big Schools Bird Watch.



Read Write Inc Guided Reading & Individual Readers

We have now started using our 'Read Write Inc Ditty books' in the afternoon for more formal reading and comprehension questions on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday alongside lots of topic focussed activities.

For those children on Reading books, we now have a 'Finished Book' box which children can put their reading books and signed reading records into so that they can be changed just before the end of the day. Guided Reading in groups with myself has now replaced hearing individual readers on reading books. Children not yet on reading books (on Gruffalo phoneme and word cards) will still work with a member of staff most afternoons on a one to one basis. All children will continue to read with Mrs Price on Wednesday and Thursday mornings.

In a few weeks' time I will be inviting a small number of parents/carers at a time into a selection of Guided Reading session to observe how we teach the children to read and ask questions to develop the children's inference and reasoning skills as they begin to demonstrate their understanding of what they are reading. They will be at around 1:10-1:30 on the days listed above due to the children needing a familiar daily routine. I will send a text out to invite parents/carers to sign up for a slot.

Spellings

All FS2 children will have received a small red spellings book on Friday, please keep the book safe and in your child's bag they bring to school each day. Feel free to practise spellings in the book and then it will also be used for a formal spelling test every Friday afternoon.

Library

We are continuing to borrow books from our class library and will continue to operate a one book in and one book out system as before, this should enable all children to change their library books more than once a week if they wish to.



Reading and phonemes

Please keep 'Gruffalo' themed cards in your child's book bag so that they are always handy for checking and updating in school. As children progress they will have either:

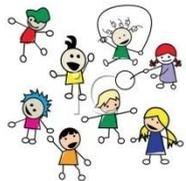
- Phoneme cards for speed sounds 1,2,3, they are labelled on the back to show which level
- Phoneme cards and key words (see spelling pack for progression of words i.e. phase 2,3,4 words)
- Reading book (book band colours)

Our reading volunteer Mrs Price will be in school most Wednesday and Thursday mornings to listen to children read and swap books.

Water bottles



Please ensure that your child continues to bring a water bottle with water in (no juice or dilute please). The children have frequent opportunities to drink throughout the day and to fill bottles up as necessary. If your child has sandwiches they will need a separate water bottle to use throughout the day; bottles can be purchased from school if required. PLEASE WRITE NAMES ON!



PE (Physical Development)

FS1 children will have PE built into daily activities (No formal PE kit needed at the moment)

FS2 children will have PE on a MONDAY afternoon.

Please bring a PE kit and leave in school throughout the half term in case there are any extra opportunities throughout the week. Please label all items as it is very easy for them to get mixed up when a class of children are getting changed at the same time. PE sessions will be indoors as well as our usual free flow access to our outdoor area.

If your child wears earrings they must be taped up or removed for PE as school staff cannot apply tape.

Golden Time

FS2 children have Golden Time every Friday afternoon after Assembly, please remember to bring a small that will fit in your child's drawer (nothing electronic or valuable)

Many thanks, Miss Hatter. 12th January 2020