



Shilton Infant School



Foundation Stage Sharing our Learning Newsletter Autumn 2021 2nd half term



This half term our topics are Stories and Christmas

Topic work

Our Story topic will include lots of exciting work in literacy, maths, art, technology, science, music, RE, geography and ICT. The stories we will be thinking about are: Room on the Broom, The Gruffalo, The Gruffalo's Child, Stickman, The Nativity Story, Little Robin Red Vest and The Jolly Christmas Postman

Literacy in the nursery:

The children will enjoy a wide range of stories, songs and rhymes linked to the topic. The story sessions will often include the use of a wide range of puppets and story sacks to help stimulate interest and enthusiasm. All children will choose their own library book each week to take home and enjoy with parents. They will also take home the Nursery Rhyme of the week to add to their Nursery Rhyme booklet. There will also be lots of opportunities to 'play write' especially in the home corner. The children will be taught to 'Nip, Flip & Grip' a pencil to develop their pencil grip. A wide range of drawing and writing materials are always available on the drawing trolley. We will continue to develop our fine motor skills through our Funky Finger activities. The children will also experience some of the listening games from the Phase One Letters and Sounds scheme.

Literacy in Classes 1 & 2:

We will be playing lots of games to encourage speaking and listening skills. All children will continue to learn the phonemes following the Letters and Sounds scheme and this work will be consolidated by a variety of games and fun activities. We will be blending and segmenting the sounds to read and spell words. Reading books and words will continue to be sent home. There will also be lots of opportunities to 'play write' especially in the home corners. A wide range of drawing and writing materials are always available on the drawing trolley. We will be talking about and practising correct letter formation in books, salt and sand and continuing with our Funky Finger activities. All children will be encouraged to write their own name with correct letter formation. We will be encouraging the children to begin to represent sounds correctly in their writing. All children will take part in shared reading sessions.

Numeracy in the nursery:

The children will sing a wide range of number songs and rhymes and again these will often be supported by the use of visual aids such as puppets and pictures. They will practise counting through lots of fun games and activities. We will be using language associated with measures, positional language and shape—such as longer, shorter, taller, heavier, lighter, in, on, under, behind, next to, square, triangle, circle and rectangle.

Numeracy in Classes 1 & 2:

The children will be learning about numbers to 10 with particular emphasis on numbers 6 to 10. We will be learning all about these numbers including: what they look like, how they are made up eg. 6 can be made by 5 + 1, 4 + 2, 3 + 3 etc. We will also be learning to subitise to 5 (recognise the number of objects in a group without having to count them) as well as recognising and creating simple repeating patterns, finding one more and one less than a number to 5, and using positional language and simple measures

You can help your child by:-

- Talking with them as much as you can about anything and everything.
- Sharing books together
- In reception classes - listening to your child read their reading book every night and practise their words.
- Counting objects around the home.
- Looking at and naming shapes and colours around the home and when you are out and about.
- Practising putting on own coats and fastening buttons and zips at home to make your child more independent.
- Encouraging your child to be as independent as possible when using the toilet and washing hands.
- Please ensure all your child's clothes including gloves, hats and scarves are clearly named.

Have fun!

Aim high!

Achieve well!

Dates and events in school this half term

Don't forget - Religious Trail dates

Money and consent forms back by Tuesday 6th November please.

Temples trip - Monday 19th November, St Edmunds Church Thursday 22nd November.

All children should wear trousers and have a head scarf for the temples.