

Welcome back after what was hopefully a relaxing and enjoyable Summer break! Please find the details of the first two weeks of the Autumn term. Our new mini Learning Experience is entitled 'Harvest Moon' and is based on Autumn and Harvest, culminating in an assembly to parents.



Learning Experience Rationale

As part of the church calendar, the children will be learning about the Harvest festival. Harvest links in perfectly with our school values and gives the children the opportunity to show values in action. **Respect - thinking about others who are less fortunate or who work hard for a good cause. Responsibility - learning how we have the responsibility to help others. Teamwork - that as a group we can achieve much more than as individuals.**

Learning Experience Outcome

Children from each class will learn about Harvest from different perspectives. Swifts - The meaning of Harvest, Sparrows - Harvest around the world, and Starlings - poetry based on the theme of Harvest. This learning will be shared in the form of the children leading an assembly to parents on Wednesday 20th September 2017. Children from the whole school will be asked to donate food that will be collected and distributed to food banks.

Maths

During this half term, the children will develop their knowledge and understanding of number and place value. They will be ordering and comparing numbers and using their prior understanding of mathematical concepts to assist them in solving a range of mathematical problems. We will be further developing a mastery approach to our teaching, where the children are required to justify the reasoning for their answers. The children will also see key mathematical concepts represented in various ways - this will help them to develop a deeper understanding. **We ask that all children practice their times tables at home as often as possible.**

Home Learning

All children will have weekly spelling and maths tasks. In addition to this, we are also aiming to send home reading comprehensions and grammar tasks on a fortnightly basis. Children will be given lines to practice for the assembly and we ask that they also learn the lyrics to 'Autumn Days'.

Literacy

Throughout the first two weeks, the children will be expected to write a simile poem based around Harvest.

Reading at home - We expect the children to read books at home as often as possible. We encourage the idea of questioning your children about what they have read and asking them to find the evidence in the text - we have found that this process increases their comprehension skills.

Science

This term will see the children learning about plants. Amongst many other aspects of plant life, children will be:

- identifying and describing the functions of different parts of flowering plants: roots, stem/trunk, flowers and leaves,
- exploring the requirements of plants for life and growth (air, light, water, nutrients from soil and room to grow) and how they vary from plant to plant.
- Investigating the way in which water is transported in plants.
- And, exploring the part that flowers play in the life cycle of flowering plants, including pollination, seed formation and seed dispersal.

Music / Spanish / PE / RE

Our focus for music will be based around learning to play the ukulele. Swimming will be the PE activity for this half term. Spanish lessons will be based on greetings, such as 'hello' and 'how are you?' and the weather. RE will be based on worship, pilgrimage and sacred places

Thanks, Unit 3 team

Meet the teacher meeting / Harvest Assembly

We would like to invite you to the Unit 3 Parents' meeting in the Hall on Wednesday 20th September 2.00 - 2.45pm, where you can meet the teachers and discuss the upcoming school year.

Immediately following this meeting, the children of Unit 3 would like to invite you to their Harvest Assembly in the hall from 2.45 - 3.15pm.