

Welcome from Mrs Ede & Miss Rivett

Welcome to all our new foundation children and their carers and parents! We've listed here an outline of the learning we will be covering in each subject during this term, this may change as the term goes on as we like to follow children's interests and ideas. If you have any questions or would like to chat about anything, please feel free to arrange to see us after school.

Communication and language/Literacy

In the first term a large part of our focus will be on phonics, learning to both read and write single and groups of letters. We will also be exploring rhymes, poetry and a range of traditional tales and Fire stories.

We will be looking at nonfiction books to find out all about the great Fire of London and Guy Fawkes and making our own books. If the children have any books or artefacts related to the topic please bring them in!

Show and tell will be on Friday for all children. They may bring anything in to talk about, to help them it is nice to talk to children about what they could say. I will talk more about reading and writing at the Meet the Teacher meeting.

Mathematical Development

The children will be doing lots of mental/oral and practical work during carpet time that allows them to develop their numeracy skills such as recognising/ordering numbers to 10 & then to 20, learning 1 more and less than a given number, practical addition and subtraction and how we record these. We will apply this knowledge in practical contexts and play situations including shopping and role play. We will be exploring pattern and will be using cooking to weigh and for capacity.

Alongside this adult led work children will have many child initiated opportunities to use and develop their maths skills. We use in the moment planning to support direct learning by using their play to practise the maths skills we are focusing on. I will talk more about how we teach maths at the meet the teacher meeting.

Understanding the world

People and communities -

We hope to organise a visit from the fire brigade and will think about how they help us and how they have changed. We will also be thinking about Harvest or Christmas

The world -

We will be naming the 4 countries of UK, their Capital cities and finding out more about our Capital city London. We will be exploring how objects made from different materials can be changed by squashing, twisting, bending and stretching. We will look at what happens when we heat/cool things and whether the changes that occur are reversible or irreversible. We will also be investigating simple forces such as pushes and pulls. We will be observing the seasonal changes throughout the term.

Understanding the world: Computing

We will be using computers and the interactive white board to support our learning, using search engines to help us 'find out'.

We will be using Purple mash and SeeSaw.

Please join us for:

Harvest Festival on 27th September at 2.30pm

Christmas Play on 12th December at 6.00pm and 13th December at 2pm.

Foundation Term 1 & 2 *Building detectives and Fire*



Characteristics of learning

Through adult led and child initiated activities we will focus on the 3 areas of:

- Playing & exploring
- Active learning
- Creating and thinking critically

Expressive Arts

We will be exploring warm, autumnal and fiery colours using different media. There will be lots of painting and printing that follow the topic and the children's interest. In DT we will be making fire engines and houses. Alongside this there will be lots of opportunities for children to develop their own creative expression.

In music we will be exploring rhythm, listening skills and loud and quiet sounds alongside learning and creating songs around our topic.

Our Role play will include a fire station, a shop and a traditional home corner but will be largely child led.

Physical Development

Oak will be doing indoor P.E on Mondays and outdoor ball skills on Wednesday. We will be learning to move within spaces: running, jumping and moving with control & care.

We will be using tools in art, mark making and outdoor play including cutting, digging and model making.

Personal Social & Emotional Development

Our values this term are kindness and respect.

We will be also focusing on making our class a happy class and how to keep ourselves healthy and safe. We will also think about how to protect our environment.

Children will develop skills in sharing, taking turns and negotiating through adult and child initiated activities.