

Curriculum Information. Ruby Class. Autumn Term 2019.

Topic: "Special Times."

A warm welcome to all our reception pupils, we hope you have a very happy time in Ruby Class as you begin your education at Hintlesham and Chattisham C.E.V.C. Primary School.

Most days, literacy, phonics and mathematical development activities take place in the mornings with topic activities in the afternoons.

Literacy.

This term we encourage mark making and writing. We encourage larger scale writing opportunities using water, big brushes, paint, sand, foam. Later on we will focus on letter formation and pencil grip. We have daily phonics activities following the "Letters and Sounds" programme.

We encourage a love of books and reading with a variety of different types of reading materials such as big books, picture books, non-fiction, poetry, recipes, comics and e-books. Books are changed every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, if you have written a comment or initialled their reading record books so that we know that you have shared their reading book at home together. After you have read the book, please ask your child some questions about the book, e.g. what was their favourite part of the story, which character did they like best, how else could the story have ended, what phrases were repeated in the story... The main thing is for your child to enjoy listening to stories and discussing them with you.

We will encourage your child to bring in their favourite book from home to share in class. (Each child will be given a specific date) This text will be shared and the themes explored during the week's learning.

We will have great fun acting and learning words and songs as part of our Key Stage 1 Nativity Production in December. (details to follow)

Mathematical Development.

We will enjoy singing a range of number songs and counting rhymes daily in Ruby Class. We will support your child's number recognition. Please talk about numbers when you walk to school or travel in the car e.g. hunt for numbers bigger than 10, odd/even numbers, counting in 1s forwards and backwards. In class, we will explore a range of 2D and 3D shapes and go on fun shape hunts together.

P.E.

This term, P.E. lessons take place mainly on Monday and Tuesday afternoons. Please ensure that long hair is tied back and all jewellery removed, thank you.

This term, we will follow weekly lessons as well as enjoy fun Mighty Muscles Morning activities every Friday morning, to strengthen elbow pivots, wrist pivots and vital muscles ready for writing. Activities we participate in include peddling trikes, skipping with a rope, stretchy ball and bat activities, brooms and balls and orthopaedic putty/dough gym activities.

Welly Boot Wednesday.

Please bring in a pair of wellington boots for our Welly Boot Wednesday activities. We will explore our school grounds during the different seasons. We will have fun activities such as pond dipping, mini beast hunts, leaf prints, bark rubbings and making bird feeders. Please ensure that your child has a warm coat during the winter months because we have outdoor learning, whatever the weather!

Topic Activities.

We will look at "starting school," new beginnings and life in Ruby Class. We will find out about Special Times in our life - such as Birthdays, Christenings, family Weddings etc. We will enjoy a range of art activities such as self-portraits. We will explore our local area, finding out about important buildings in Hintlesham such as St. Nicholas Parish Church, the community centre and Hintlesham Hall where celebrations might take place.

Home Links Book.

Every Friday your child's "Home School Diary" is updated with information about the learning in class. Please share this information with your child. Please add your own comments too, thank you.

I hope I have given you a brief outline of this terms learning. As with the early year's foundation stage education, we are very flexible and we will follow your child's interests.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to speak to me after school. Thank you.

Mrs J Bensley

