



Itchen Abbas Primary School

Overview of Learning for Autumn 2 2017

Squirrels

Please note that children in both year groups will be encouraged to learn by following their interests, rather than through planned topics, with adults supporting their developing skills and challenging children to achieve planned learning objectives through a combination of adult-led, adult supported and child initiated activities. Older squirrels will be working on the National curriculum expectations for year 1.

<p>Starting points for learning This half term the children will learn that Cyril (our class mascot) will be celebrating his birthday in a few days' time. This will lead us into thinking about other celebrations at this time of year and the preparation of our Christmas play. We will explore how Diwali was celebrated recently and how light is a feature of winter celebrations and activities.</p>	
<p>English We will continue to develop story telling skills and story writing through activities linked to 'The Blue Balloon' by Mick Inkpen. 'Flashlight' by Lizi Boyd will be used to inspire poetry to be used in our Christmas play. Our English texts provide the starting points for activities that develop communication and language and personal, social and emotional skills and creative skills as well as reading and writing.</p>	<p>Science We will be exploring seasonal changes through our senses. As we go on 'welly walks' within the school grounds and in the local area. The children will be exploring liquids and will be describing, comparing and exploring them using scientific language. Our mud kitchen will be back in action to support this as soon as our new shed is installed at the start of the first week.</p>
<p>Maths We will continue to develop a thorough understanding of number recognition, place value, addition and subtraction as well as exploring shape and measurement and the passing of time.</p>	<p>Music We will use percussion to support themes of celebration and we will be learning the songs for our Christmas play as well as other seasonal songs.</p>
<p>Geography/History We will be exploring the history behind Bonfire night and we will find out how celebrations at Christmas time have changed over time in our own families, and compare our experiences with others.</p>	<p>Art / DT We will be looking at the art of well-known artists to inspire our work around the themes of light and dark. We will be using collage and scrap materials to create responses to celebrations.</p>
<p>Computing We will be developing an understanding of simple algorithms to plan a desired outcome as the children become familiar with simple computing skills</p>	<p>PE / Games In PE we will play some ring (party) games. We will be working with the sports coaches to practise a range of sporting skills.</p>
<p>PSHE Through the theme of Health and well-being we will be learning about keeping safe. The learning value we will focus on is 'Growth mindset' with a focus on being curious.</p>	<p>RE We will explore the concept of Celebration through an investigation of the way people celebrate birthdays.</p>



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Suggestions for Home Learning

Expected Home Learning for **Year 1 children only**

Below is a list of the learning we would like children to practise at home this half term.
The following are requirements for age related expectations.

- Weekly practise of phonics sounds
- 5 x per week reading – check that what they are reading makes sense and answer comprehension questions. Predict what may happen next.
- Learn a poem or rhyme off by heart
- Name the letters of the alphabet in order.
- Be able to form capital letters and lower case letters
- Remember to use capital letters and full stops for simple sentences
- Spell common exception words (see below)
- Count to 100 forwards
- Read numbers to 20 (numerals and words)
- Know what different coins are worth – practice using them
- Know the days of the week and months of the year in order
- Know the names of common 2D shapes

In addition to this factual based learning, teachers may choose to send additional work home to provide practice of skills taught in class.

Yr 1 common exception words

the	they	one
a	be	once
do	he	ask
to	me	friend
today	she	school
of	we	put
said	no	push
says	go	pull
are	so	full
were	by	house
was	my	our
is	here	
his	there	
has	where	
I	love	
you	come	
your	some	

Topic Home Learning Projects

These ideas have been selected to help your child follow a line of enquiry that they are inspired and excited by. Your child should choose at least one of the following tasks to complete and may bring it into school at any time during the half term to inspire others in the class.

- When does your family send cards or good wishes to celebrate something? Design a card to celebrate an event that has recently happened in your family.
- Ask older members of your family to talk about their memories of birthday or Christmas celebrations. How have things changed? Get them to write down their experiences to share with us at school.
- Design a Christmas decoration that includes a candle.
- Make a bird feeder for the birds in your garden for the colder weather. Take a photo and describe it for us to share at school.
- Write down and draw all the things you think we need to make a celebration.

- Any other activity of your child's choice.