



Orchard Class

Term 5

This term's focus topic is:

On the Farm with Peter Rabbit

Mathematics

Money will start off this term's mathematics lessons. The children will be learning about different coins and their values, building up to understanding how to add together different small totals of money using 1p, 2p, 5p and 10p coins.

We will also be finding out how to tell the time to half past and o'clock times.

We will then carry out lots of consolidation on our addition and subtraction skills - finding ways to work out the answer if we do not have enough fingers.

Communication, Language & Literacy

Story language and structure will be our main focus for this term and what better stories to use for this than the Tales series from Beatrix Potter. Each week we will focus on a new story by this amazing author as well as learning key facts about the person herself. We will also have a big push on independent writing and sentence structure throughout this term.

Personal, Social, Emotional Development

Beatrix Potter's stories are a great way for the children to learn about key aspects in life. They provide specific examples which will give the children some real aspects to use their thinking skills on, especially related to the characters actions and feelings. We will also be doing a lot of work on developing self-confidence this term especially ready for Sports Day.

Understanding the World

The countryside is a key feature of Beatrix Potter's life and also her stories. We will be looking closely at our own local environment within this subject area. The animals used in Beatrix Potter's stories will also help our thinking under this heading as we will be looking at different features of animals and their different habitats - especially those that live on the farm.

Creative Development

Again this subject area will focus around the idea of the countryside which Beatrix Potter loved so much. We will be encouraging the children to have a go at painting in various different contexts as well as creating their own animal crafts for the beautiful characters within our stories. Beatrix Potter herself loved drawing and painting and we hope to encourage this enthusiasm within the children too.

Physical Development

This term our PE lesson will be every Thursday. We are going to be focusing on the three words: "Hands," "Feet" and "Equipment." This learning theme allows pupils to develop their early fundamental movement skill of object control. They will explore controlling an object with different parts of their bodies and using larger equipment. This focused approach allows pupils to learn skills relevant to a range of games they may come across later in their PE journey. We will also be practicing for Sports Day.

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 21st April - Term 5 first day.

Monday 27th April - After School Clubs start

Friday 1st May - Non-uniform day– donations to our Summer Fayre bottle stall

Friday 1st May– Frozen Friday– Friends of School stall.

Monday 4th May - May Day Bank Holiday Monday - School Closed

Friday 22nd May - Last Day of Term 5

Monday 1st June - First day of Term 6



Just a few reminders



Safety in the sun

As we may be in for some better weather during this term (fingers crossed), I'm sure the children will be even more enthusiastic about "getting busy" outdoors and as you know we have an open door policy which allows this constantly within Orchard class. Please could all children be provided with a named sun hat and have 24 hour sun-cream applied before they come to school, throughout these warmer months. A reminder also that open toed sandals or sandals of any kind are not permitted within our school uniform policy as they are unsafe on our climbing equipment at break times.

Belongings

Could I ask that all children's belongings are clearly named and also checked for the correct names. Things do have a tendency to disappear in Orchard class from time to time so having names on them would help with this.

With the British weather as it is, please could you make sure your child has a coat in school every day as the weather can be unpredictable!