



ORCHARD CLASS

THIS TERM'S FOCUS TOPIC IS:

TRADITIONAL TALES

Literacy

Phonics is our main aim this term – the children will begin learning four new sounds per week – we will hear the sounds that each letter makes, listen out for these sounds in words, and learn the correct way of forming each of these letters in our writing. We are also going to be looking closely at specific Traditional Tales during the term. The children will be acting out these stories using masks and puppets as well as discussing the language used within them, and the roles of the characters within the books.

Mathematics

In maths this term, the children will be matching, sorting and comparing objects and amounts as well as comparing size, mass and capacity. They will also explore the composition of numbers to 5, including subitising and representing the numbers. We will also begin to look at finding one more and one less.

Understanding the World

This term's topic lends itself brilliantly to this area of learning. Each week's Tale will help us to learn about aspects of the natural world, such as materials and their properties (The Three Little Pigs) and the cycle of making bread/Harvest (The Little Red Hen). The stories we read will also provide us with various fun science based experiments which we are sure the children will love whilst challenging their thinking skills. We are also going to be using various different forms of ICT in order to enhance our learning of these fantastic tales.

Personal, Social, Emotional Development

Settling in is a key element to our PSED work this term, especially with the focus of "wellbeing." We will be talking about how to look after one another, how different people show different feelings and how to play fairly whilst looking after our toys. These types of discussions will happen through circle-time games, social stories, scenario discussions and general day to day routines and "get busy" times.

Expressive Arts & Design

Music and Art are going to be a real focus for this term in Orchard class – we are going to be learning lots of new songs which relate to our stories and really trying hard to focus our listening skills into different sounds and scenarios—something which will be really important going forward in school.

The children will also create self-portraits, as well as drawing their families. They will also create some 'autumn' themed art work throughout the term as well.

Physical Development

Our physical development scheme called "Beyond the Physical" helps us with our PE lessons in school. Each term the children will have three words which their PE lessons will focus on for that term. We start the year with: "Play, Move, Explore." This will help the children develop their control and co-ordination of gross motor skills whilst taking part in lots of fun games based activities.



DIARY DATES



Tuesday 29th September— School open evening for prospective parents

Thursday 1st October & Friday 2nd October— Cauliflower Card Designs ready to be viewed by parents in the school hall (after school)

Monday 5th October— Grandparents Day afternoon event 1:15pm–2pm or 2:15pm– 3pm. Letter to follow

Tuesday 6th October— Parents Phonics workshop after school (3:30pm)

Friday 9th October— ‘Hello Yellow Day’ Children can wear as much yellow as possible on this day to promote HealthyMinds charity.

Tuesday 13th October— Parents number and place value workshop in school (3:30pm)

Thursday 15th October— Harvest Festival assembly in school— Donations of dry food goods for local Agape charity gratefully received

Friday 23rd October— Last day of term !

CLASS NOTES

Home/School Diary

Your child will be bringing a “Home/School diary” home with them this week, which will contain a little key information in the front of it, such as your child’s House colour team which will be useful for you to know for future events and a class list which you may like for invitations and Christmas cards. This book will be checked regularly so please feel free to use this book to record anything you feel is important for us to know – upcoming appointments, any changes in information, any specific news you would like us to know and also to ask any questions you may have.

If you have any questions, concerns or need to know anything please also get in touch via the phone or email. Our dedicated email address for myself and Orchard Class is: Orchard@quadrincowleybrowns.lincs.sch.uk

Uniform & belongings

Please could all children be provided with a waterproof coat and wellies for outdoor play which is kept in our class cloakroom. In Orchard class we will have P.E. lessons on a **Thursday** afternoon this term, however it would be helpful if children could have their kit in school every day throughout the week. Please ensure your child has kit for indoor and outdoor activities that are clearly named.

Please could you also ensure that all your child’s belongings and items of clothing are clearly named (in particular fleeces, jumpers and cardigans) to prevent them getting mixed up and lost.

Tapestry & School Website

You will shortly receive a Tapestry sign-up form, please fill out your details and return it to school by **Friday 11th September**. Once we have this information, all children and family members will be added to our school Tapestry account. Once this has been done, you should receive an activation email in order to start seeing your child’s observations. If you experience any problems, please let us know.

Keep checking our school website as it is regularly updated with information and details of what is happening within school. In particular, click on our class page and you will be able to find lots of information and photographs to show you what the children have been busy at, during their time with us.

Reading/Homework

All children will bring a reading book home with them shortly, along with a “Guided Reading Book.” More information on how home reading will work will also be sent out with your child’s first reading book. Individual reading books will be changed on a **Monday, Wednesday** and a **Friday** if they have been read but Guided Reading Books will only be changed each Wednesday as these will be focused on in class and re-reading the same book will help with fluency. In addition to their reading book, once we have begun phonics lessons, your child will bring home a “Phonics Sounds Booklet” which will contain the sounds they have learnt that week in them, along with an explanation of the action we have learnt the sound with.

Family photograph

In our Orchard Classroom we have a home corner- a role-play area based on a kitchen from a house. We have a display board in this area and have decided to use this as a family portrait wall to coincide with the home corner. Please could you send a family photograph into school, in your child’s book bag, that we can colour photocopy and give back to you so that we can put these on display. We also feel that this will be nice for the children to have and refer back to whilst they are settling in. We understand that not all families are the same so if your child has two families then we can display both photographs on our wall. Immediate family is absolutely fine.

Many thanks.