

Curriculum update

5/11/21

Welcome back!

Welcome back everyone, we hope you have enjoyed your half term. We have loved being back in the classroom altogether and have had a fantastic week back. Our new theme is 'Happy to be me' and we will be exploring and learning about our bodies and ourselves.

We have started this week by creating self-portraits using the mirrors to look carefully about our features and trying our best to draw what we see.

The children have also started to explore what is in our bodies thinking about: muscles, bones and organs. We talk about why we warm up in PE and the effect this has on our body.

Phonics and reading

We are working through our single sounds in phonics and we have currently learnt 's' 'a' 'i' 'p' 'i' 'n' 'm' 'd' 'g' 'o' 'c' 'k' 'ck' as well as the tricky words 'l' and 'the'. We are working really hard to identify the initial sounds and matching the objects to the sounds.

We have also started to segment and blend CV (consonant vowel) and CVC (consonant vowel consonant) words to read them. We are focusing on sounding out each sound clearly and then blend the word to read it. Books will start to come home with CVC words in and this can take a long time to 'crack'. Often children are confident in segmenting the sounds, but the blending is a lot trickier. Lots of practice will help the sounds to become clearer and eventually the blend to happen.

Maths

In Maths, we have been exploring 2d shapes and using mathematical language to compare them. The children have been thinking about: the amount of sides, the amount of corners, the type of sides to help them to work out each shape. When you are playing at home, look out for any of the shapes that we have been learning about. We would love to see any photos!

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 9th, Thursday 11th, Tuesday 16th November – Parents Evening. I am looking forward to sharing the children's work with you and hope that you can make it.

Wednesday 10th November 2021 Visit from 'Severn Freewheelers' who are group of advanced motorcyclists that support the NHS to transport medical essentials.

Monday 13th December 2021 - Courtyard Visit. We are visiting the Courtyard to watch the smaller production and not the pantomime. We are going to watch 'The Snow Queen'. We have booked the tickets and will send further information regarding payment closer to the event. We just wanted to let you know in case you are planning on booking anything in the run up to Christmas.

We are just confirming a few more dates so hopefully there will be more to add and we will let you know as soon as possible.

Independent challenge

This week's independent challenge is to help to support our lunchtime. We would like you to encourage the children to use a knife and fork to cut their own dinner and eat their food independently. In school, we expect the children to cut their own food and then scrape their plate when they have finished. This can be hard task depending on what they have for lunch but lots of practice will help to support this.

We would love to see any photos of the children completing this independent challenge at home. Please send any photos into admin@madley.hereford.sch.uk.

We hope that all of the children came home with their slip for their school photographs. Please use the slip to access the photos online. There should be a whole class photo and a selection of individual photos to choose from.

Thanks for your continued support and please contact us if you have any queries or questions. As always, I will always make time to return any phone calls or emails. Many thanks, Mrs Reading.