

Term 3

KEY DATES

Wednesday, 15th

January 9am

Phonics workshop

Wednesday, 22nd

January 9am

How to support
your child if they
are new to English
workshop

Wednesday, 5th

February 3pm

Open class

Thursday, 13th

February

Puppet show trip
to the Natural
History Museum

Friday, 14th

February 3.30pm

Last day of term

We hope you had a lovely winter break. This term, we welcome back Miss Fernandes from her maternity leave. Miss Fernandes will be working primarily in Oxford class as a teaching assistant.

Reading

Thank you for all your support with reading at home. We change library books and levelled books every Tuesday. It is important that you ensure that your child's books are in their folder, so that they can be changed. Please continue to read with, and to, your child each day, and record this in your child's book log.

English

This term, we will be focusing on traditional tales. Our focus text will be *The Gingerbread Man*. The children will be learning the story, as well as writing about it.

At this stage in the year, we expect children to be writing simple words independently (for example: bin, van, cat, ship). This term, we will be learning how to write simple sentences (for example: I am fun.)



Later this term, we will commence red word spelling tests. Red words are words that cannot be spelt using phonics (for example: the, to, no). We will send more information nearer the time.

Activities at home:

- Practise reading and writing the red words, which can be found in the book logs
- Daily reading
- Continue to practise precursive writing

Science

We are wrapping up our study of the seasons and will soon begin constructing bridges for the Gingerbread Man to cross the river. Once our bridges have been built, we will test their strength and observe which are the strongest and weakest.

Key vocabulary: seasons, winter, spring, summer, autumn, construct, strongest, weakest

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A reminder of our school PE kit:

- White school PE top
 - Navy shorts or jogging bottoms.
 - White socks
- Plain trainers (white, black or blue) or plimsolls

Maths

This term, we will be focusing on the following topics:

- Measure: length, weight, size, capacity
- 2D shapes and 3D shapes
- Calendar and time
- Numbers and addition within 10



As part of our measure topic we are going to be learning about capacity through exploring in our water tray. We are going to learn when a container is **full, half full, half empty, nearly full, nearly empty and empty**. At bath time, or when washing up, encourage your child to explore capacity with different containers, using our key vocabulary above.

Activities at home: We sing the days of the week song and the months of the year song each day. The children are becoming very confident at recognising what day it is today. We will be developing this to identify what day it was yesterday and day it will be tomorrow. Challenge your child by asking them those questions, as well as which month it is now and which month their birthday falls in.

PE

We will continue to focus on group games and ball skills throughout the term. Children will practise rolling, bouncing, throwing and catching a ball, as well as how to follow rules and participate in group games.

Geography

Our topic is Our World, Our Oceans and Our Continents. This term we will be focusing on Our Oceans and animals that live in the sea.

Key vocabulary: ocean, land, sea, sea creatures, coral, map, globe

