

As 'Happy Chatters' we will...

This half term we will be encouraging the children to speak using well formed sentences in the course of conversation. Staff will also be modelling new vocabulary from our key texts and encouraging the children to use these new words in their own play and conversations. Show and Tell sessions will continue as these are helping children to develop both speaking and listening skills.

As 'Brilliant Bookworms' and 'Wow Writers' we will....

We will continue to read stories to the children on a daily basis, looking for 'wonderful words' to build and extend the children's vocabulary. Our key texts will be read multiple times to build familiarity.

Our daily phonics lessons will continue, but this half term the children will be taught in two smaller groups to learn or revise the sounds. In writing we will be using 'Fred fingers' to begin to spell simple words using the sounds taught. Your child will continue to bring home a self chosen library book on Tuesdays. Please continue to send book bags into school daily.

As 'Fantastic Friends' we will...

In our weekly circle time sessions we will be talking about ways in which we can look after ourselves and others and also exploring the idea that the things that make people happy don't necessarily cost any money. Our class teddy bear Fred Ted will be continuing to visit a different home each week and through his travels he will be helping the children to notice and value similarities and differences between all of our lives. Staff will also continue to support the children in building skills of resilience and perseverance through the daily life of the classroom, such as putting on and fastening our winter coats independently.

As 'Edmondsley Explorers' we will...

Through our topic work we will be learning about where our food comes from and which foods contribute to a healthy diet. We plan to include some practical cookery sessions too. As one of the stories we will be reading is set in Africa, there will be an opportunity to find out about a place far away from Edmondsley. In addition to all of this we will be taking time to celebrate autumn festivals as they occur, including remembrance, Divali and of course Christmas!

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As 'Marvellous Mathematicians' we will...

Children will continue to have a short daily adult led Mathematics lesson. The concepts taught will then be embedded and developed through play based learning. This half term the focus will be on exploring the composition of numbers - the idea that a number is made up of other smaller numbers. We will also be playing subitising games to spot small quantities without counting. Playing games with a dotty dice is great for this.

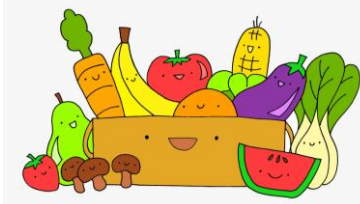
As 'Energetic Butterflies' we will...

We will continue to make good use of the Early Year's garden this half term and so please ensure that your child has a hat and gloves in school to keep them warm during outdoor play. In addition to this there will continue to be two adult led PE lessons each week but this term these will be on **Wednesdays and Fridays**. Children should still come to school on these days dressed in joggers/ leggings with a school sweatshirt or cardigan on top, but please note the change of days!

There will be a different fine motor challenge at our 'busy fingers' table each week as well as opportunities to build and balance using blocks and construction kits in the course of free play. We will be going over letter formation again and developing the children's confidence to write each grapheme (letter shape) in response to a spoken phoneme (letter sound). At home try to encourage your child to hold pens and pencils using a correct pencil grip and also to write their name using only correct letter formation.

This half term our topic is called **Ready Steady Cook**

We will be learning all about where our food comes from and about what kinds of foods contribute to a healthy diet.



As 'Creative Creatures' we will...

This half term we will be building upon learning from last half term as children have continued opportunities to make simple representations in both 2 and 3 dimensions. We will be revising and refining the children's ability to use scissors effectively and exploring how to use primary colours to mix secondary colours.

In our weekly music lessons, we will be adding instruments and movements to songs and rhymes as well as continuing to listen to music and sing songs in a variety of genres linked to our online music scheme 'Charanga.' Of course, we will all be very excited to sing and perform in our Christmas nativity too!