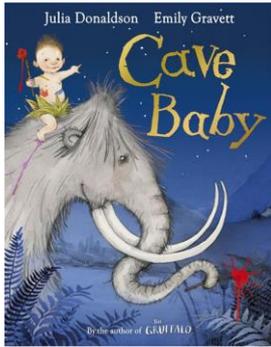


Reception Newsletter

Welcome back! We hope you have had a wonderful half term!

Our key high-quality text this half term



Cave Baby
By Julia Donaldson

English

Our English sessions will focus on the story of Cave Baby by Julia Donaldson. We will be sequencing, retelling and mapping the story in detail and developing our use of sequencing when retelling. We will be working towards writing our own recounts about a specific event.

We will be engaging with a range of texts linked to our "World in the Past" topic. We will be exploring and using both fiction and non-fiction texts, building our ability to make inferences from the text.

Reading & Phonics

This half term in phonics we will be moving on to Phase 4. We are focusing on reading longer words with consonant blends such as sp-, fl-, -nk, -st and words with have more than one syllable. We will also be thinking about compound words and exploring how longer words can be made using two shorter words. We will encourage the children to apply their knowledge of letters, digraphs and trigraphs in different contexts and when reading independently.

We will be continuing with weekly group reading sessions and individual reading sessions where appropriate. We will also be continuing with our weekly class reading session, which will focus upon a different traditional tale each week.

Thank you for your continued support with reading at home.

Writing

This half term we will be having a focus on developing our independent writing skills. We will be having a weekly focused writing session which will focus upon application of phonic knowledge and developing our use of capital letters and full stops within our sentences. We will be working hard to develop consistency using finger spaces in writing and applying correct letter formations. We will continue to have weekly handwriting sessions alongside our dough disco and squiggle sessions too!

Key Dates

Sports Day – Friday 17th June

Reception Golden Assembly – Friday 24th June

Arts Week – Monday 4th July

Maths

This half term in maths we will be focusing upon applying our mathematical knowledge to solve problems and develop our understanding of numerical patterns. We will be using our numbers facts to add and subtract as well as doubling, halving and sharing. We will be using a range of equipment and numerical representations to help our calculations and will be building our mathematical vocabulary. We will be encouraging the children to record their calculations using both numbers and symbols.

We will be considering spatial awareness and using 2d and 3d shapes to build and compare. We will also be using shapes and patterns to investigate symmetry.

Transition to Year One

Later in the half term we will be beginning our transition to year one. We will be discussing some of the changes the children will experience and giving the children support in discussing the things they are excited about or may be a little worried about. The children will have the opportunity to visit year one and meet their new teacher towards the end of the half term!

Thank you for your continuing support and hard work at home!

Miss Williams, Miss Daniels & Mr Wines

Arts Week

Our theme for Arts Week this year is "At the Movies". We are looking forward to spending the week developing our drawing, painting, printing and modelling skills. We will be practising selecting from a range of resources and tools, applying our knowledge about colour mixing and taking part in some musical activities too!

Wider Curriculum

This half term we will be beginning with our annual Heathy Week where we will be exploring where our food comes from, what our bodies need to stay healthy and why we need to get a good night's sleep!

In History we will be thinking about what our world was like long ago in the past. We will be looking back in time to when the first people lived on Earth and what their lives were like, including where they lived, what they ate and how they dressed themselves!

In Science we are going to be exploring the concept of floating and sinking and even designing our own boats! We will also be exploring seasonal changes as we head into the summer months.