



Southcoates Primary Academy Newsletter

Tuesday 12th September, 2023

Early Years

Kings and Queens: Medieval Times

We have an exciting theme for this half term! We will be learning all about kings and queens, including where people lived in the past. As part of our history lessons, we will be looking at how life in medieval times was very different from life in the modern era. The key knowledge we want the children to learn is that changes have happened over time, gaining an understanding of 'past' and 'present'.

In art we will be learning about the artist Eileen Agar. We'll use her work as inspiration when learning to create collages, tearing different materials to create our own artwork.

To link with our theme, in English, we will be reading 'Sleeping Beauty' and 'Cinderella'. We will explore the events of the stories, trying to guess what might happen next. We will be learning to re-tell the stories to our friends, using loud and clear voices.

We will also be learning to write all of the letters of the alphabet, using the correct formation whilst holding a pencil with the correct tri-pod grip. We will practice writing our names and giving meaning to the marks which we make. This will be supported by our phonics lessons where we will learn the sounds that we need to spell the words.

What Can You Do to Help?

- Each day, your child will learn a new sound in school. It would really help your child to practice their new sound at home each day, using the sound/picture sounds book provided.
- Please read with your child at least three times a week; this has a massive proven impact on their reading abilities and development as they move through
- Please help your child to remember his/her belongings.
- Our PE days are:
Nursery: Tuesday
Reception: Tuesday and Wednesday



A Great Start to the Year

The Reception children have made a fantastic start. They are all enjoying forming new friendships and getting to know one-another. They have been exploring the resources in their classroom, have enjoyed learning in the outdoor area and they've also been painting self-portraits. The children have started their phonics lessons and have had a great time learning new sounds.



Dates for Your Diary

Every Tuesday: Weekly 'Stay and Read' at 2.45pm (details to follow shortly).

Friday 6th October: National Poetry Day.

Date TBC: Reception Phonics Meeting.

Tuesday 17th October and Wednesday 18th October: Parents' Evening.

Monday 23rd October: Spanish Week.

Friday 27th October: School closes for half term.

Monday 6th November: School re-opens.