



EYFS TOPIC NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term 2023

Hey, Look at Me! (2 weeks)

During our first topic, we are really enjoying getting to know one another. We have begun to learn each other's names and make new friends. We have been reading stories about starting school and have compared them to our own experiences. The children have enjoyed exploring their new classrooms and base areas as well as the resources within it. We feel that the children are settling extremely well and are doing an excellent job of remembering our class routines!

Oh no, it's a Gruffalo! (2 weeks)

For our next topic, we will be reading one of our favourite books, 'The Gruffalo'. We will try to find a Gruffalo in our outdoor space and spot some of his footprints! Throughout the topic, we will learn parts of the Gruffalo story and we will put actions to it. As well as the Gruffalo story, we will be reading some other amazing stories written by Julia Donaldson. We will think carefully about the characters, settings and events in these stories and will have a focus on rhyme.

Over the Rainbow (2 weeks)

Our next topic will be 'Over the Rainbow'. We are looking forward to exploring art from artists including Jackson Pollock and Kandinsky and we will create some of our own art. We will use a variety of materials and try a range of techniques. One of our favourites is always the splatter paintings! As we want the children to be as independent as they can be, we will teach the children how to access the art resources for when they wish



to use them. The children will learn about the primary colours and how to mix them to create new colours. Our literacy focus will be both fiction and non-fiction books about colour such as 'Brown Bear, Brown Bear', 'Elmer' and 'The Day the Crayons Quit'. In maths, we will be learning about the numbers 1, 2 and 3. We will practise writing each number, represent the numbers using concrete apparatus and compare them to each other.

People Who Help Us (3 weeks)

The following topic will be 'People Who Help Us', which we will start before half term and continue when we return. During this topic, we will use the internet and non-fiction books to find out about different occupations. We will also invite visitors to come into school to speak to the children about their jobs, and how they help others, including what to do in an emergency. In maths, we will be representing and making numbers to 5.

Focus Author

Each half term, we learn about an author and we read a range of their books. Our focus author this half term is Julia Donaldson, who wrote various books, including 'The Gruffalo', 'Stickman', 'The Highway Rat' and 'Room on the Broom'. It would be fantastic if you could share any books by this author at home or visit the local library to borrow some.

Diary Dates:

Tuesday 12th September – EYFS Welcome to Base parent meeting at 6pm

Thursday 21st September – EYFS Phonics Information Evening for parents at 6pm

Monday 2nd October – EYFS Disco 4:15pm – 5:15pm

Thursday 5th October – Individual school photos and within school sibling photos

Friday 6th October – Sibling school photos if sibling is at Haymoor Junior School

Monday 16th October – Fire Safety Visit

Tuesday 17th October – Parents Evening 3:30pm-6pm

Wednesday 18th October – Parents Evening 4.30pm-7.30pm

Friday 20th October – Sponsored Read Launch (Julia Donaldson dress up day)

Additional dates may be added over the half term. Please check the school calendar regularly.

P.E.

During this half term, the children will be learning to improve their coordination and balance skills through stories and games.

PE days are as follows:

Monday – Caterpillars

Tuesday – Froglets

Wednesday – Ducklings

Please help us to keep your child safe by removing their earrings on PE days; otherwise, they will be unable to take part in these sessions. Please also ensure that if your child has long hair, it is always tied back; their PE kit is in school and that their clothes are clearly labelled with their name. Your child's PE kit will be sent home at the end of the half term to be washed. Please return it ready for the first week back after half term.

Thank you for your continued support.

The Early Years Team

Miss Bridgman, Mrs Ford, Mrs Haddrell, Mrs Steinwartz, Mrs Lewis, Mrs Leslie, Mrs Purbrick, Mrs Cross and Miss Parker