

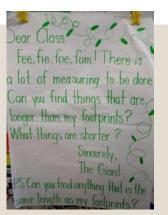
In English this term we will be exploring traditional tales and some modern takes on traditional tales. We will be looking at the different types of characters in the stories, heroes and villains. We will be planning our own stories using our own heroes and villains and using our imagination. We will be looking closely at Cinderella, Three Billy Goats Gruff and Jack and the Beanstalk. We will also read other traditional tales alongside. We will encourage the children to find traditional tales in our library too.

Life skills: Listening skills, using imagination, story telling, acting out stories.



Maths

'My Independence'



In maths this half term we will be learning place value, addition and subtraction and length and height. We will be using our skills to measure a very large beanstalk, a giant and finding things bigger and smaller than a giant's footprint!

Please encourage the children to compare the lengths and heights of things at home. Can they use words such as length, height, long, short, longer, shorter, tall?

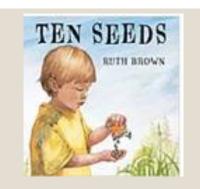
Please click this link to a lovely book which compares heights you can share with the children:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aV0vKYizdMw



Science

'Me and my World'



Our topic this half term is Plants

Our scientific question is 'Are all the plants in our garden the same?'

We are going to have our own class garden centre that we will grow plants for and then at the end of the summer term the parents will be invited into school to buy the things we have grown. We will grow things from seeds and the children will have different roles to maintain the plants and harvest them. We will be looking at parts of plants and trees, researching and observing the lifecycle of a plant and using classification sheets to find out which plants we have in our school grounds. Use the link below to explore what plants we can find outside.

https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zpxnyrd/articles/zw2y34j

Please send into school any large plastic bottles you have so we can make mini greenhouses. Thank you.



Monster phonics

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We will be using our Monster Phonics reading scheme to send home some books for the children to read and enjoy with you. The children's books will link to the phonics they are learning or need to revise. Please read with the children at home and record into their reading journal.

The children in Squirrels, Rabbits, Badger and Hedgehog will be put into 5 different monster phonics groups. The children will be in mixed groups and may move to a different class for their monster phonics session to allow them to have the space and resources they need. You can login to the monster phonics website at https://monsterphonics.com/

login:parent@saxonwood.hants.sch.uk

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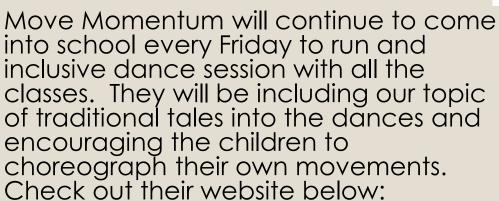








'Me and my body'



https://www.movemomentum.co.uk/

Games – We will be joining in with Hedgehog Class to learn different throwing and travelling skills and we will finish off the term with our very own

Olympics!





This term we will be thinking about how we can use computer programs to gather and present data. We will be exploring using the IPads in school to help us with learning and other life skills. We will be recording our ideas and sharing them with each other.

Through all our computing teaching we always have a focus on using computers and the internet safely. We will be reading the story of Smartie the Penguin to show the children how to stay safe online.

https://www.childnet.com/resources/smartiethe-penguin/



In History our focus is travel and transport over time. We will develop an awareness of the past, through finding out about how travel and transport was different in the past.

We will be booking a trip to visit Milestones Museum to look a the variety of transport they have on display which outlines the changes over time.





RE AND MUSIC



'ME AND MY WORLD'

We will be linking our Religious Education topic of special books to music this term.

We will be exploring special books we have at home and bringing them into school to share on World Book Day. We will look at books and stories linked to different religions (Judaism, Christianity, Islam) and find out why they are special. We will listen to music from different cultures and countries and we will be making some music of our own playing tuned and untuned instruments.



Helping children relax to improve mental health





We are working towards gaining the Wellbeing Award. To support the children with their wellbeing we will be focussing on emotions and feelings this half term. 'It's OK not to be OK' The children will have sessions on 'Feeling good', 'Cool Down Corner', 'Turning things around', 'Don't worry about a thing', and 'Keep calm and carry on'. Each session will help the children to have a greater understanding of the range of emotions they may feel and how they can help themselves and others. Small groups of children each half term will also be having sessions with Kathy from Relax Kids to help them to find ways to manage their emotions and support them in feeling happy and positive. They will share some of the relaxation techniques with their class members and we will ask the children to share them at home and teach the parents too!