

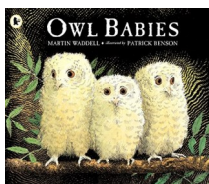


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**English**

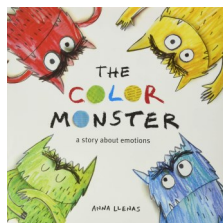
This half term we will be sharing and reading nursery rhymes, traditional tales and some favourite well known stories. We will explore the five key concepts about print: - print has meaning - print can have different purposes - we read English text from left to right and from top to bottom - the names of the different parts of a book .We will be focusing on recognising and then writing the initial sounds in words. We will be practising mark making by writing about the characters and creating speech bubbles for what they might say.



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- Owl Babies
- The Colour Monster
- Funny Bones



**Understanding the World**

We will be thinking about how to look after each other and what they need to stay safe. We will be using the text The Colour Monster to explore our emotions.

**Mathematics**

This half term we will be practising counting to 5 and recognising those numerals. We will be finding different ways that we can create and represent these numbers. We will begin to explore shapes linked to these numbers.

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All About Me

**Weekly schedules:**

PE is on a Thursday (children to wear PE kit to school)  
Library is on a Thursday  
Show & Tell is on a Friday

**General Introduction:**

A warm welcome to all parents. Hopefully you have all now met me and I have introduced myself. I am Mrs Smith and I will be teaching your children this year. This is the first newsletter of this academic year. The class TAs are Mrs S (Mon-Wed) and Mr Worrell and Miss Stainer (all day). On Friday Mornings the children will have Miss Screech.

**Physical Development**

We will be doing Funky Fingers 4 times a week, where we focus on fine motor skills. In our physical activity sessions, we will be working on co-operation games i.e. parachute games. We will also be using the outdoor equipment to help with our core strength.

**RE**

This half term in RE we will be focusing on What makes people special. We will also be finding out about harvest.



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**Communication and Language;**  
 We will be listening to a range of stories linking to our topic and re-telling them to each other using props and story language.  
 We will be completing some settling in activities and focusing on making friends. We will talk about experiences that are familiar to us and our passions, goals and dreams.

**PSHE**  
 PSHE is taught throughout the curriculum and we complete circle times where we will discuss what is important to us and others. We will be exploring our emotions and what causes these feelings.

**How you can support your child at home:**  
 Books will begin to come home with your children. These will at first have no words in. We would like you to look through these books and discuss the pictures with your child. You could talk about who the characters are, what are they doing, why are they doing that etc...

**Expressive Arts and Design**  
 This half term we will be creating pictures using a variety of collage material to recreate the characters from our focused texts. The children will have their music lessons with Miss Screech on a Friday, this half term they will be exploring action songs and copying back rhymes.

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<b>Important Dates</b>	
Mon 6th & Tues 7th Sept	Children Settling in sessions, either AM or PM
Wed 8th Sept Wed 8th Sept	Children in Full Time 4.30pm Meet the teacher
Fri 24th Sept	Macmillian Coffee Morning (TBC)
WB 4th Oct Tues 5th Oct Thursday 7th Oct	Black History Month Talk Tuesday National Poetry Day
Wed 20th Oct Fri 22nd Oct	Individual photos Last day of term
Mon 1st Nov	INSET day

**Personal, Social and Emotional**  
 We will be learning all about each other; how old are we? Do we have pets? What are our favourite foods?  
 We will show an understanding of our own feelings and those of others. We will think about regulating our behaviour accordingly to the situation, e.g, when is the time to listen and when is the time to play.

**Final word**  
 We look forward to getting to know you better. If you have any queries or concerns please feel free to speak to us.  
 Kind regards,  
 The Reception Team

