

The Teachers in Year are: Miss Harrison, Mrs Pericleous, Mrs Williamson and Mrs Hubbard
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Our Topic this Half Term is 'Sunshine and Showers and 'Shadows and Reflections'

This half term, our topics are 'Sunshine and Showers' and 'Shadows and Reflections'. In the Sunshine and Sunflowers topic, your child will explore their local environment and see how it has changed throughout the year. They will grow flowers and vegetables in the garden area. They will learn how to care for plants and animals, identifying some different types. They will take part in outdoor learning activities and find out how to stay safe in the sun. In the Shadows and Reflections topic your child will learn about natural phenomena, including shadows, reflections and echoes. They will find out how shadows are formed and how they change shape and size through the day. They will explore how different materials and surfaces reflect light.

English This half term we will continue to read different stories relating to our topic along with a variety of non-fiction texts to help us learn lots of information about the topics. We will be answering lots of questions about what we have read to show our understanding. In Phonics, Nursery will continue to hear initial sounds in words. Some children will begin to explore the first few sounds in Phonics (s a t p i n) and find objects beginning with these sounds. Children will be listening out for a rhyming pair of words. Reception will continue to learn new sounds and tricky words in Phonics and use these to write sentences independently with an emphasis around sentence structure. Children will become more independent remembering the use of capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. We will continue to focus on how a sentence is structured.

How you could help your child prepare for the topic...

Grow some quick growing plants together, such as salad leaves, radishes or cress. Plan and go on a picnic. Go on a local walk and talk about the changes that have happened to living things throughout the year.

Find objects from around the house in which you can see your reflection. Draw around shadows outside and see how the shape and size of the shadow changes through the day. Explore places to hear echoes, such as in tunnels, under bridges and in large open-plan rooms.

Maths

Our learning for this half term will be learning to:

- Double, halve and share quantities
- Learn number bonds to 5 and some to 10
- Add and subtract
- Count beyond 20.

General Reminders:

Home Learning:

PE: Our PE days are Mondays and Fridays. Children must come to school in their PE kit, this can be leggings, jogging bottoms or shorts as the weather (hopefully!) gets a little warmer. All earrings must be removed. Any child with earrings will NOT be allowed to take part. Children will be taking part in Yoga Bugs every Wednesday. They can wear their normal school uniform for this but earrings MUST be removed for this activity.

Forest School: This will take place every Friday.

Reading: Your child will continue to receive worded reading books with the sounds and tricky words they have learnt in phonics. Encourage your child to use expression in their voice. Can they spot the full stops? – remind them this is time to take a breath. Books will be given out on a Friday and must be returned the following Thursday.. Please support your child with their reading: it really makes a difference! Aim to hear them read a minimum of three times a week – little and often works best ☺

Water Bottles: We encourage the children to drink water throughout the day. Please send a named water bottle in each day. The bottle must contain water only

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Useful Websites:

<https://www.splashlearn.com/math/number-bonds-games>
<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/5-7-years/letters-and-sounds>
<https://www.teachearlyyears.com/enabling-environments/view/outdoor-learning-summer>

Autumn Dates for your Diary:

Wednesday 24th April – Stay and Play (am)

Monday 6th May – Bank Holiday Monday

Thursday 23rd May - School breaks up for half term

Friday 24th May – INSET

Monday 3rd June - Back to school

Any other Information

Children will be set homework on a Friday – This is to be completed by the following Thursday. ☺