

Autumn term in Hoad.

Welcome back, we hope you have all had a good summer.

Miss Hodgson will be teaching Hoad on a Monday, Wednesday, Thursday morning and a Friday. Mrs Davies teaches on a Tuesday morning and a Thursday afternoon and Mrs Lewis teaches on a Tuesday afternoon. Mrs Rigg is the Teaching Assistant in Hoad.

From next week, children will receive spellings on a Monday; these need to be practised at home throughout the week and returned ready for their test on Friday morning.

In year 1 and 2, children have the responsibility of changing their own reading book. They can do this first thing in a morning, as they come into the classroom. Please continue to ensure you read with your child regularly at home.

This term our topic is: Traditional Tales and Beatrix Potter

Literacy

This half term we will be using traditional tales to learn about sentence structure and punctuation. We will begin by exploring what traditional tales are and become aware of their features. Our first tale will be Cinderella. We will then move on to look at alternative versions of the story from around the world. Finally, we will look at Jack and the beanstalk again exploring alternative versions of the story. We will also be reading some of the tales written by Beatrix Potter

Maths

Children will focus on number and place value this half term.

Children will continue to practise counting forwards backwards and from any given number and in 2's, 3's, 5's and 10's both forwards and backwards.

They will also continue to count, read and write number to 10 (year 1) and to 100 (year 2).

Children will identify one more or one less than a given number and will use the greater than, less than and equals to (< > =) signs.

Year 2 children will work on recognising the place value of each digit in a two-digit number. They will then use their place value knowledge to solve problems.

Children will be learning their number bonds and related subtraction facts. They will be adding and subtracting one digit numbers and showing that addition of two numbers can be done in any order and subtraction of one number from another cannot.

Children will be practising solving addition and subtraction facts using concrete objects and pictorial representations involving numbers, quantities and measure

Science

In science children will be learning to identify a range of materials. We will then learn to distinguish between an object and the material it is made from. Children will then learn to identify the properties of different materials and group them according to their properties. Finally, children will learn to describe why some materials suit certain objects better than others.

RE

This half term, we will be exploring Harvest and how it is celebrated around the world. We will look at the importance of sharing and fairness, linking it with Bible stories. We will also look at the Jewish festival of Succoth and how this is celebrated.

History

In history we will be learning about the life of Beatrix Potter. We will begin by discussing what we already know about Beatrix Potter and what we would like to find out. We will also explore some of her most famous tales. We will find out about Beatrix Potter's early life and think about how life might have been different when Beatrix Potter was young compared to our lives now. We will place events from our lives and Beatrix Potter's life in order. Finally, we will find out about Beatrix Potter's later life and legacy.

Computing

This half term we will be learning how the web works and that we are all connected and contactable via access to the Internet. It will build on previous sessions and knowledge allowing the children to develop a better understanding of the Internet, by using a selection of different websites. The children will produce a simple e-book or presentation incorporating the key terminology from the sessions.

Art

In art we will be looking at Beatrix Potter's illustrations. We will do some observational drawings in the style of Beatrix Potter and some drawings of the animals that feature in her tales. We will be learning to mix paints to get desired colours.

Music

This half term, children will be exploring interesting sounds and learning to play various percussion instruments. They will listen to pieces of music and have a go at composing some of their own.

PE

PE will be on a Tuesday morning with Mrs Davies and a Wednesday afternoon with Miss Hodgson. Please ensure that your child has a full PE kit in school on Monday morning.

Earrings and any other jewellery must be removed before the sessions. If children are unable to remove earrings themselves, they must be taken out before coming to school.

All long hair must be tied up for PE.

On a Tuesdays, children will be taking part in games, with the focus on developing the use of space and throwing and catching skills. On a Wednesday we will be exploring dance.

PHSE

We will explore new beginnings and routines in school. We will make some new friends and get to know the children in our class.

We will also explore our Christian Value of Peace and give various examples of why peace is important in our lives. This will include ways to solve conflicts with friends when the children have disagreements.