



Foundation Stage Curriculum Overview

Autumn Term (1)

Welcome!

This Terms Theme: Marvellous Me!



Our theme this term is 'Marvellous Me!'

We will be asking the question, 'Is it okay to be different?' and thinking about what makes us unique. We will also look at different types of houses and where we live before exploring our family tree's.

PE



Our PE sessions with sports coach, Mrs Evans, are on a Tuesday and Friday. Please send your child to school wearing their kit on those days. They do not need to bring a uniform with them. On Tuesday we are doing gymnastics and Friday, practicing ball skills.

Important Notices



Reception Baseline Assessment



2021 Information for parents reception baseline assessment

Over the next couple of weeks, Mrs Churcher will be completing the now statutory Reception Baseline Assessment with your child. Please refer to this guide for parents and do let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

What's happening in Foundation Stage this week?

Week beginning: 20th September



Celebrating differences. Is it OK to be different? What makes you 'unique'?

This week we will be listening to the story of Elmer the Elephant and talking about what it means to be unique! In busy time we will be creating Elmer collages and making elephant models from empty milk bottles! We will also be starting the process of painting a self portrait, we do this in stages and this week we will be exploring skin colour before learning how to mix the paint to match our own. In the home corner we will be matching pairs of socks which links to our maths learning.

Week beginning: 27th September



Where do you live? What is your home like?

Week beginning: 4th October



Families come in all different shapes and sizes. Who is in your family? Let's make a family tree.

Week beginning: 11th October



Friendship. What makes a good friend? Who are your friends?

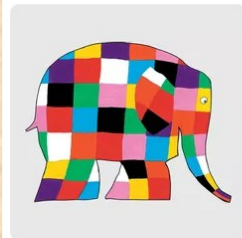
Week beginning: 18th October



It's Pumpkin Week with a sprinkle of Halloween magic thrown in!

Focus Texts

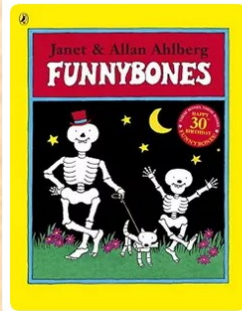
Elmer the Elephant by David McKee



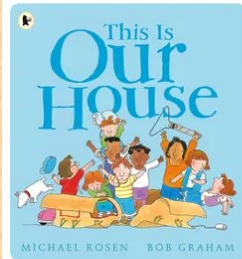
All Are Welcome by Alexandra Penfold



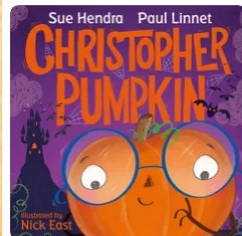
Funny Bones by Janet and Allan Ahlberg



This Is Our House by Michael Rosen



Christopher Pumpkin by Sue Hendra



Phonics & Reading

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Over the next few weeks we will be starting to learn our first set of 'single' sounds. At Devoran School we teach phonics through a program called 'Read, Write Inc.' Until half term, when we will assess and group the children according to their current ability, I will be teaching the class as a whole.

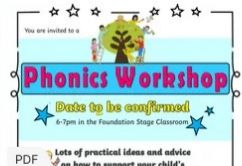
'Read, Write Inc.' School Padlet



Read, Write Inc.

For more information and weekly updates on which sounds have been taught, head over to our school reading Padlet. You will find lots of helpful advice and resources to support your child's reading at home here.

Phonics Workshop for Parents



phonics workshop poster

Coming up very soon...date and time to be confirmed!

Maths

Unit: 'Just like me!'



Maths Focus: Numerical Patterns

Matching and Sorting: Weeks 3 & 4



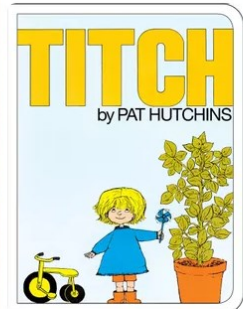
Numberblocks - Series 1: How to Count

Finding and matching objects which are the same.

Sorting collections of objects into sets based on attributes such as colour, size or shape. What is the same and what is different? Finding different criteria for sorting objects into sets.

Please follow the link above to the Numberblocks episode that links to this learning.

More & Fewer. Comparing Height, Length and Capacity: Weeks 5 & 6



Sorting collections into sets. Comparing and ordering these sets.

Understanding that a set can have more items, fewer items or the same number of items as another set.

Ordering objects according to size – using specific language such as tall, long and short.

Exploring Pattern: Week 7



Copy, continue and create simple repeating patterns.

Explore AB patterns in a range of contexts including shapes, colours, sizes, actions and sounds.

Discovery Curriculum

Special People



Main Focus: Christianity and Judaism

Our Golden Rules... Ready, Respectful & Safe

Snack time and recycling



During snack time we have shown the children how to sort their waste. They have learned to put any fruit or vegetable left overs in the compost bin so we can recycle them and make food for the plants and minibeasts that live in our garden.

Caring for our classroom environment.



This week (13th September) we talked about how we must look after the resources in our classroom. We introduced 'Choose it, Use it and Put it Away,' to encourage the children to tidy up after themselves during busy time. They are doing a great job so far!

Wake and Shake

Each day we start with a 'Wake and Shake!' Here are some of our favourites for you to try at home.

Party Freeze Dance



Freeze Dance | Freeze Song | Freeze Dance for Kids | Music for Kids | The Kiboomers

Shake your Sillies Out



Shake Your Sillies Out & Brain Breaks Songs for Kids & Kids Action Songs by The Learning Station

Superheroes



Koo Koo Kanga Roo - Superheroes Unite (Dance-A-Long)

Penguins



Penguin Dance | Brain Breaks | Jack Hartmann