

Phonics: Essential Letters and Sounds (ELS)

Throughout this term we will be teaching the children the ELS sounds and picture clues. The children will all take part in short, fun, interactive phonic sessions. There will be a parents meeting for you to attend so that you are saying the letter sounds rather than letter names to enable your child to begin to sound out words. Children will bring home resources to support their learning in the next few weeks.



Reading:

The children will start to bring their first individual reading books over the next few weeks. Your child will read twice a week, once with the class teacher and once with the class teaching assistant.

When listening to your child read, please encourage them to use the picture clues to retell a story or where applicable use their phonic knowledge to sound out words. Please ensure books are in school everyday so we can be flexible and read with your child any day of the week. Please use their red school book bag that we gave you before they started school.

P.E:

PE lessons will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The children come to school dressed in their uniform and change at school into their PE kit, consisting of their red t-shirt, black shorts, jogging bottoms or leggings and a black hoodie or jumper. PE kits can stay in school and be taken home to be washed at half term, unless they get particularly dirty.

Communication: The door is always open and we encourage you to share any questions or concerns. You are welcome to pass on messages at drop off and pick up time. If you unable to speak to us then please email the school office at admin@andover-pri.hants.sch.uk for the attention of Mr Stephens.

Google Classroom: We will be sharing a weekly blog on Google Classroom of what the children have been doing in school.

Year R

Our topic this half term is:

WONDERFUL ME

We will explore the big question,

'Is it ok to be different?'



RE:

In RE this term we will be looking at the theme of 'Creation'. We will read the story in the bible and explore the concept of God.



Chatterboxes

Thank you to everyone who has completed and brought in their chatterboxes. Please bring yours in if you haven't already.

Maths:

This term we will be looking at using positional language, as we get accustomed to our new learning environment and the provision we have available. We will be matching and sorting different objects, discussing the different ways that objects can be matched and sorted. We will be discussing how we have chosen to match and sort, introducing the use of reasoning language.

The children will also be looking at different measures and how we can compare different objects. They will be looking at patterns and how to copy, continue and create simple patterns. Towards the end of the half term we will start looking at the numbers 1, 2 and 3.

Topic learning:

We will start our topic by talking about and exploring physical differences and painting self-portraits. Then we will learn how we like and dislike different things.

We will look at our personal history, our life so far, how we have changed over time, and talk about growth and change. We will learn about how we are all important, unique and loved.

Reminders:

Coats and Wellies: Please provide your child with a coat everyday as we spend a large amount of time outside and the weather is very changeable and if you have some spare wellies for them to change into that would be very helpful too.

Uniform: Please ensure all children have the correct uniform and it is labelled clearly.

Water bottles: Please provide your child with a bottle, filled with water only.

Cloakroom: Please only send your child in with the essentials, large school bags are not necessary for Year R and take up a lot of room.

Google Classroom: We will be sharing photos of what the children are doing on Google Classroom and in time will set their homework on there. Please let us know if you have trouble logging on.