

Night and Day

Week 10- 13th November

This week In Oak class:

Maths

This week we are looking at shape- circles and triangles. Children will notice circles and triangles all around them and begin to describe their properties.

They will learn that triangles are flat shapes with three straight sides and three corners, and that circles are flat shapes which are perfectly round.

We will also talk about position and begin to use positional language such as 'in', 'on', 'under', 'over', 'beside', 'between', 'in front of', 'around', 'through' and 'behind' to describe how items are positioned in relation to other items.

Expressive Arts and Design

Story time has become part of the children's daily routine and they are getting really good at sitting and listening to the story.

This half term, we will be looking at using different joining materials and using tools for a purpose- for example, using scissors to make small snips.

Our role play area will be a Diwali party this week full of colour.



Communication and Language

Talking about the date has now become part of our normal daily routine.

We are working hard at sitting on the carpet during our phonics session and we are now introducing a Maths session- these are both very short sessions at the moment while the children get used to sitting.

The children will also be introduced to the idea of talk partners on the carpet so they can begin to share their ideas.

Personal, Social and Emotional development

The children will make their own colour Monster over the next few weeks and we will be showing the children how they can use our own colour monster jars in class to think about how they are feeling. We continue to talk about different feelings and will show the children our 'calm area' where they can go and sit if they need some time on their own to be calm.

We are playing games in small groups and focusing on the children getting to know each other and their names.

We are going to continue to look at our next Growth Mindset character- the collaborative bees and talk about how we can work together.



Phonics

We are now reviewing the single letter sounds and will recap two each day to help the children to learn and embed them.

We are making simple cvc words using magnetic letters and boards.

We are now starting to read simple cvc words by 'Fred talking' and then 'saying the sounds.'

You can watch the videos for the letter sounds on our school's virtual classroom on our website:

https://www.loxwoodschool.com/web/phonics_and_early_reading/635274



Literacy

Those children who are ready are now practising writing the letter sounds in books as part of their phonic session.

Children who are now blending sounds and reading words are bringing home reading books to practise this skill with you. Please do not worry if your child doesn't have a book yet- it just means they aren't quite ready.

Drawing club- the children are enjoying this mark making club- this week, our inspiration will be a story about Diwali.



Understanding of the world

We will be looking at the festival of Diwali this week and will learn about how people celebrate the festival. Children will be encouraged to create Rangoli patterns, make henna inspired patterns and listen to stories about the festival amongst other Diwali inspired activities.

The children have been enjoying the changing weather (wind and rain) and collecting natural objects to use in the mud kitchen. We will continue this over the next few weeks.



Physical Development

We have begun to change for PE on a Tuesday- we are starting with changing our shoes. Please encourage your child to change their clothes independently at home.

We are encouraging those children who are ready, to hold a pencil and forming the letter sounds that we have been learning.

Funky fingers- those children who are not reading to hold a pencil are taking part in funky fingers activities which are activities designed to strengthen the fine motor control in their fingers to get them ready to hold a pencil.

