



MILTON-ON-STOUR CE VA PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

Summer Overview of Learning in Maize Class

I wanted to provide you with an overview for the next term so that you know what your child will be learning about and experiencing in school as I know a number of you have asked which stories and books are coming up as your children love to talk about them and read them at home. I will be teaching the class mostly on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. On a Thursday and Friday morning, or when it is not me, it will again be Mr Stanford. During the afternoons the children will be taught by Mrs Bristow, following up the learning from the morning. Within the classroom and our outside area we will be setting up play opportunities called 'continuous provision' that supports the learning we are doing across the curriculum, allows the children to practice skills that have been taught and develop their characteristics of effective learning.

Maths

We will introduce numbers beyond ten and how to make them, work more with addition and subtraction, learn about doubling, sharing and grouping and counting in tens. We will also learn about capacity, using vocabulary such as full, half full and empty and we will focus on time, learning the days of the week and vocabulary such as yesterday, today and tomorrow. Parents can support this learning at home by ensuring that children write numbers correctly, reinforce key vocabulary, count in tens and begin to recognise the o'clock time on a clock.

Phonics

We will carry out our daily phonics program using Song of Sounds stage 1 - Term 3. This term we practice reading and writing words and sentences from all of the sounds that have been introduced. There will be new red 'sight words' the ones the children need to look at and say rather than sound out.

Handwriting

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We will continue to reinforce how to form each of the letters we have learnt – practice at home with this will help your child to develop the correct sequence of movement to form the letter correctly. During our continuous provision and adult led tasks we will be practising a range of skills to help us develop both our gross motor and fine motor skills. It is important that if you see your child holding a writing tool with the incorrect grip that you correct them and if they are forming letters incorrectly these are corrected too so that bad habits are not formed.

Key Texts

This term we will encounter a number of key texts including Julian is a Mermaid, Goldilocks and the Three Bears, We are going on a Bear Hunt, Commotion in the Ocean, the Smeds and the Smoos and What the Ladybird Heard. Our continuous provision and class activities will link with these texts. There will be a strong focus on oracy and language development and retelling stories. The children will encounter a number of stories every day to develop a love of literature. Reading to your child at home is still hugely beneficial in their development, alongside them sharing their developing reading skills and joining in with stories and rhymes that they already know. The children will regularly be assessed to check that they are reading the correct level books.

PSHE

In our PSHE sessions we will be learning about right and wrong choices, behaviour and good manners, gender stereotypes, the NSPCC Pants Rule, tolerance, diversity in families, feeling poorly and safe use of medicines. We will also continue to discuss our feelings and the changes that happen to our faces and bodies when we experience certain feelings. These themes will link to our class texts. We will also continue with our Jars of Kindness reward stars

RE

We will continue to use The Emmanuel Project for our RE teaching, in line with the rest of the school. Our half termly topics are called 'What makes every single person unique and precious?' during this unit we will also learn how Hindus celebrate Raksha Bandhan. In the second half term we will focus on a

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unit called 'How can we care for our wonderful world?' during this unit we will learn about the Jewish Birthday of Trees.

PE

Our PE days will be Thursday and Friday. On these days please send your child to school wearing their PE kit. As the term progresses we will be practising for Sports Day.

Wellies Wednesday

On Wednesdays we endeavour to spend the majority of our morning outside, learning in the beautiful grounds of our school. Please send in weather appropriate clothing which includes hats and sun cream for hot days. Any sun cream must have your child's name on it and they must be able to apply it themselves.

Family Learning

We will be holding a family learning session again this term. I will let you know the date as soon as I have booked it and we hope that you or a family member can join with us for this session again this term.

Sharing special achievements

Your children are learning and developing quickly at this age and as part of their ongoing assessment we track their learning through observations. If there are any achievements or events that happen at home such as riding a bike, sleeping in own bed all night, family parties or celebrations, mastering zips and buttons to name but a few, then please let us know so that we can add this to your child's learning journal. We will share the journals with you through Parents Evenings and at the end of the year the journal comes home as it belongs to your child.

Class Visit

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We have booked to take the children to The Sealife Centre on 16th May, this will support our learning from the text Commotion in the Ocean.

I realise that is probably a lot of information to take in. I will continue to put things on the school website so you are aware of our learning and ways to help your child. If you have any questions this term about Maize class please catch me when I am on the gate or speak to Mr Stanford or Mrs Bristow at the end of the school day or if more urgent send a message through the school office.

Summary of Things to Do

- Return permission slips and payment for Sealife Centre Visit.
- Try to attend family learning when the date is published – this is for approximately 30 minutes per term
- Send in a note or email if your child has had a special achievement at home – we add these to their Learning Journals
- Continue reading stories with your child as often as possible allowing them to join in with retelling
- Hear your child read when they bring home a book and help with practising letter and number formations and reading their red words.
- Read the fortnightly school newsletter when it is sent out by email – look out for dates for Parent's Evening. There will be another Parent's Evening at the end of term to share your child's end of year assessments.
- Check in to the school website – Maize Class Page to find out what we have been up to.

We are looking forward to what will be another exciting term in Maize Class

Your sincerely

Mrs R Tidby

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