

YEAR GROUP: Reception

DATE: February / March 2024

TIME ALLOCATION: 5 Weeks

TEACHERS: Miss O'Connor & Miss Byers

Literacy

This half term, we will be reading the story Owl Babies. We will be using the text to explore who is Bill's family and talking about who is in our own family.

We will be having our own eggs in Reception that we will be able to observe and notice the changes that happen. We will be writing our predictions using sunshine writing and drawing pictures of what we think might happen.

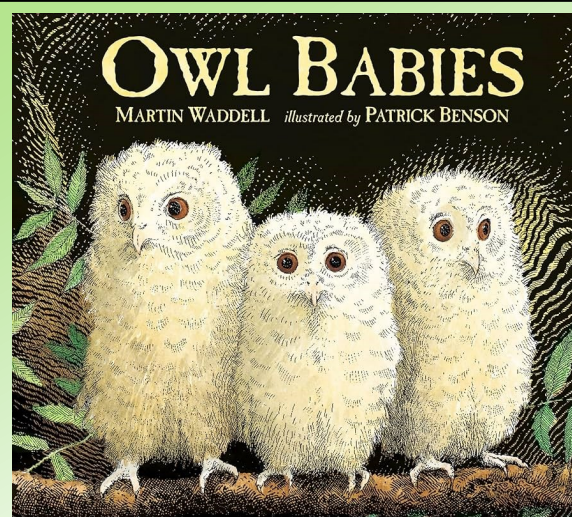
Maths

In maths, we will begin by revising measurement; we will be comparing size using the language 'biggest or smallest'. We will also be deepening our understanding of numbers 1 to 10. We will be exploring our number bonds using the resources in our classroom to represent different numbers. We will also be exploring one more and one less using our tens frames.

Understanding the World

During this half term, we will be observing the changes to chocolate when melting and cooling it to make Easter nests. We will also be developing our understanding of maps. We will be drawing maps for a treasure hunt; we will have to hide our treasure in our outdoor area and make a map for our friends to hunt down our treasure.

Me and My World Around Me (Near)



WHY?

We will be learning about the life cycle of Chickens and closely observing the changes that happen as the eggs hatch and the chicks grow. We will then be linking this to looking at how we have grown and what we do to keep ourselves healthy.

WOW:

We will be observing what happens to the Eggs we have in Reception.

OUTCOME:

The children will develop an understanding of how we grow and the life cycle.

Communication and Language

This half term, we will be working together sharing our ideas about the eggs. The children will be learning lots of new vocabulary such as 'hatch', 'chick' and 'life cycle'. We will also be encouraging each other to ask questions to find out more. We will be linking our understanding of the life cycle of chickens to other animals such as frogs and butterflies.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This half term, we will be talking about why we love our Mummies and will be making them a special gift. We will also be talking about how to keep ourselves healthy, including what we eat and what our bodies need in order to keep fit.

Physical Development

We will be working very hard on our fine motor skills this term by completing lots of craft activities. We will be making our own owls, delivering eggs to Mummy Owl and creating our own Easter nests.

We will also be using our excellent pencil grips to write a range of sentences to retell the story of Owl Babies.

Expressive Arts and Design

In EAD, we will be experimenting with different materials and seeing what happens when we print with them. We will be using different techniques of printing to make our Mother's Day and Easter cards.

We will be exploring a range of materials to build nests for our dinosaur eggs in the small world area.

SMSC

We will be particularly focusing on manners and thinking about other people's needs over the course of this topic.

BRITISH VALUES

We will be finding out about respect for others as well as incorporating ideas about why we have rules, deciding things together and why it's OK to have different ideas.

TOPIC HOMEWORK

Weekly reading books.

ASSESSMENT

In the Early Years, we assess children continuously by observing what they do, talking to them about their thinking and looking at the work that they produce.