

Learning Preview Clarence Class

Autumn Term 1

Miss Poole, Mrs Wackett and Mrs Dale

Dates: 3rd – 21st October

How our learning will link to Clarence class children's lives, interests and experiences

The children will continue to learn about themselves and talk about their lives and the similarities and differences between ourselves and others. We will talk about how different families are made up and the children will talk about the important people in their lives.

- The children have all got an individual reading book. Please practise every day and sign and date the white reading record. Return the reading folder in your red bag each day so we can read with the children in class.

How our learning will link to the wider world

In autumn we notice the changing colours and the animals and mini beasts that are active at this time of year. We will be investigating our outdoor environment and learning about different habitats. Key questions to ask your children: *How do we know it is autumn? How is the weather different? What happens to the trees and leaves? What do you think happens to the squirrels, hedgehogs and mice at this time?*

We will be talking about how some animals prepare for the winter hibernation. Talk to your child about if they were going to hibernate, what foods would they store and where they might keep them.

Letters and Sounds

This half term we are learning s,a,t,i,p,n m,d, g,o,c,k.

Can you find other words that begin with the same sound as your name?

Can you clap syllables in a word e.g. gor-ill-a?

Fine Motor Skills

In class we are using a variety of mark making tools in paint, clay and dough. At home encourage your child to 'pick and flick' to develop a tripod pencil grip (thumb and 2 fingers around the base of the tool).



Harvest Festival

Come and join us to hear the children sing Harvest songs that they have been learning. We will be collecting tinned food, e.g. beans, peas for the St Albans District food bank

Thursday 13th October 9:00am
in the school hall.

Ideas

Go for an autumn walk and collect natural materials. You may like to look in books for autumn pictures with your child to bring in to show the class.

Can you help your child to identify and talk about shapes you find at home or out and about? For example rectangle doors, square drains, oval eggs, circular pans and plates, etc.

In class we have a daily 5 minutes 'Maths meeting'. The children are learning the days of the week, counting forwards and backwards to 10 and 'touch counting' saying one number for an object. A good website for practising counting is <http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/3-5-years/counting> Also check out our school website for more ideas to support your child

<http://bernardsheath.herts.sch.uk/learning-at-home/>.

Learning Preview Heartwood Class

Autumn Term 1

Mrs Fenner, Mrs Greenhalgh and Mrs Birchall

Dates: 3rd - 21st October

How our learning will link to Heartwood class children's lives, interests and experiences

The children will continue to learn about themselves and talk about their lives and the similarities and differences between ourselves and others. We will talk about how different families are made up and the children will talk about the important people in their lives.

- The children have all got an individual reading book. Please practise every day and sign and date the white reading record. Return the reading folder in your red bag each day so we can read with the children in class.

How our learning will link to the wider world

In autumn we notice the changing colours and the animals and mini beasts that are active at this time of year. We will be investigating our outdoor environment, comparing the sizes of different leaves, sticks and insects, matching leaves by their shape, naming and mixing different colours and learning about where different insects live. *Which leaf is longer/wider? Which stick is longer/heavier? How are the leaves changing? What colours can you see? What is the weather like now? Which insects fly/crawl/burrow?*

Letters and Sounds

This half term we are learning s,a,t,l,p,n m,d, g,o,c,k.

Can you find other words that begin with the same sound as your name?

Can you clap syllables in a word e.g. gor-ill-a

Fine Motor Skills

In class we are using a variety of mark making tools in paint, clay and dough. At home encourage your child to 'pick and flick' to develop a tripod pencil grip (thumb and 2 fingers around the base of the tool).



Harvest Festival

Come and join us to hear the children sing Harvest songs that they have been learning. We will be collecting tinned food, e.g. beans, peas for the St Albans District food bank

Thursday 13th October 9:00am
in the school hall.

Ideas

Go for an autumn walk and collect natural materials. You may like to look in books for autumn pictures with your child to bring in to show the class.

Can you help your child to identify and talk about shapes you find at home or out and about? For example rectangle doors, square drains, oval eggs, circular pans and plates, etc.

In class we have a daily 5 minutes 'Maths meeting'. The children are learning the days of the week, counting forwards and backwards to 10 and 'touch counting' saying one number for an object. A good website for practising counting is <http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/3-5-years/counting> Also check out our school website for more ideas to support your child <http://bernardsheath.herts.sch.uk/learning-at-home/>.

Learning Preview Verulam Class

Autumn Term 1

Mr Wilson and Mrs Randall

Dates: 10th - 21st October 2016

How our learning will link to the Verulam children's lives, interests and experiences

During show and tell the children have been very interested in autumnal artefacts such as conkers, different coloured leaves and insects that the children have found outside. We have enjoyed discussing the seafood that children have tried and will be talking about trying different fruit and vegetables as part of discussions of Harvest.

- The children have all got an individual reading book. Please practise every day and sign and date the white reading record. Return the reading folder in your red bag each day so we can read with the children in class.

How our learning will link to the wider world

In autumn we notice the changing colours and the animals and mini beasts that are active at this time of year. We will be investigating our outdoor environment, comparing the sizes of different leaves, sticks and insects, matching leaves by their shape, naming and mixing different colours and learning about where different insects live. *Which leaf is longer/wider? Which stick is longer/heavier? How are the leaves changing? What colours can you see? What is the weather like now? Which insects fly/crawl/burrow?*

Letters and Sounds

This half term we are learning to listen for the first sound in a word, clap the syllables in a word (e.g. gor-ill-a) and hear a word when it is given in 'Sound Talk' (e.g. c-a-t). You could play I-Spy or watch Alphablocks

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/alphablocks>

We will be learning the sounds made by the letters s,a,t,i,p,n m,d, g,o,c & k.

Fine Motor Skills

In class we are practising holding scissors, pencils and clay tools and using them with control.

At home ask your child to show you how they 'pick and flick' their pencil and practise writing their name starting with a capital and continuing with lower-case letters.

Harvest Festival

Come and join us in the hall to hear the children sing Harvest songs on Thursday 13th October at 9 a.m.

We continue to accept donations of canned food for our charity collection.

Ideas

Go for an autumn walk and collect natural materials. You may like to send these in for show and tell.

In class we have a daily 5 minutes 'Maths meeting'. The children are learning the days of the week, counting forwards and backwards to 10 and 'touch counting' saying one number for an object.

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