

Reading

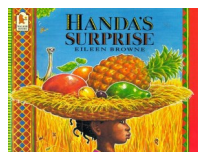
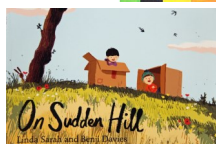
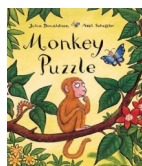
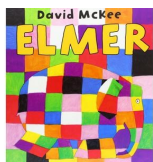


The children are continuing to grow in confidence in their decoding skills for reading individual words, and fluency as they read through sentences independently. This half term in phonics we are going to be focussing on consolidating previously learnt 'special friends' and teaching new combinations. We will be introducing the term 'digraph' to refer to these from now on. We will be building the children's confidence to read longer words which include single sounds and digraphs e.g. chicken, bedroom. Please continue to read with your child as often as possible, aiming for at least four times a week. Remember: **4 reads at home = a raffle ticket.** Each month a child's raffle ticket is selected and they win a brand new book to keep at home!

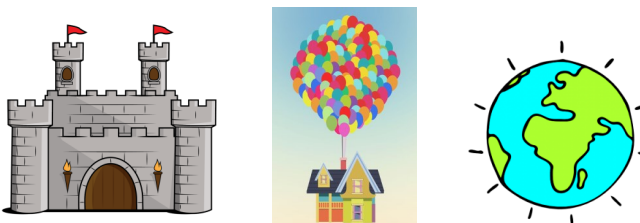
Write Stuff



This term we are continuing to teach the children to 'strive for a sentence'; to form a sentence using the interesting word they've chosen. Most children are now confident to record the sounds they can hear in individual words and are now learning to 'hold their sentence' as they record each word in turn. Here are the texts we are focussing on this term, linked to our topic:



Our topic this half term is: **What an adventure!**



Topic learning

This term and next we are going on an adventure! We will use the Pixar film 'Up' as a stimulus to imagine that we are going off on a hot air balloon journey.

This Half Term we will land in:

- Bodiam Castle where we'll learn all about castles and the people who lived and worked there.
- The Amazon where we'll learn about rainforests and their native animals.
- The African plains. We will learn about safari animals and compare and contrast life in Africa with England.

Want to help?

- Look at an atlas or map at home and discuss their features.
- Explore Google Earth at home; can they spot the land and the oceans? Can you look at places you have been on holiday?
- Look at non-fiction books about the places we will be visiting on our adventure. How are these places the same as our country or our town? How are they different? How is life different for people who live there?
- Read fiction stories set in these places.

Maths



This half term we will be practising speedy recall of number bond facts within 5, then 10. Alongside this we will be working on developing the children's understanding of addition and subtraction within 10, consolidating their understanding of more/less in relation to addition and subtraction. We will practise recalling known facts (such as the number bonds to 5 and 10) to solve simple addition and subtraction problems. We will also work more on the children's understanding of doubling to 10 and the pattern of odd and even numbers.

RE



In RE this half term we will be learning about the concept of Special Clothes. The children will explore how both Jewish and Christian people use special clothes to celebrate special occasions. As part of our RE week we will be having a mock wedding celebration with everyone dressing up. This is on Thursday, 16th April.

PE and Forest School



This half term the children will have 1 Forest school and 1 PE sessions a week:

- Mondays (Puffins and Parrots) or Fridays (Penguins) — Forest School.
- Thursdays—Outdoor PE —focus on athletics skills in preparation for sports day.

Heartsmart



Our Heart Smart learning this term will focus on 'Fake is a Mistake.' We will also continue to think about how we can be agents of change in our community.