

Events to look out for...

10-1-17—31-1-17 (4 sessions)—swimming Tom, Anderson
6-1-17 Riding starts—Henry, Harvey, Xander and Shayne
23rd Jan—Chinese New Year
10th Feb—Last day of Term 3
20th Feb—Return to school for Term 4



'Where the wild things are'—Maurice Sendak

Enchantment



Starbase

Mrs Howarth

Spring Term 2017

Literacy

Our topic this term is Enchantment.

We will be taking to the skies with Julia Donaldson's 'Room on the Broom' story. We will read and sequence the story and think and write about witches, magic spells and monsters.

We will then move on to 'Where the Wild Things Are' by Maurice Sendak and have fun with the king of the wild things!

Children who are ready will access mainstream phonic groups for phonic sessions 2 or 3 times a week.

Within Starbase the emphasis will be upon learning initial letter sounds and linking objects to sounds e.g. 'c' for car, carrot, cat. We will continue to access activities designed to help us learn to listen to sounds, rhymes etc. and again, children who are ready will begin to learn some basic blends and how to put letters together to make words. In addition children will bring home some key words to practise at home designed to build their sight vocabulary.

All the children will access weekly handwriting activities to develop letter formation.

Maths

The focus for maths in Starbase is upon recognising numerals and making relationships between quantities. Children will practise counting, ordering and comparing numbers to 5 or 10 (20?)

Where possible maths activities will be linked to the topic—e.g. making monster biscuits—weighing ingredients etc., and other shape, space and measures activities will be available for children, including time, shapes, weight, length and money.

Communication and Language

Children will be encouraged to develop speaking and listening skills through small group in class and 1-1 speech and language sessions which focus upon their individual speech targets.

Children will be hearing good role models of language in their inclusion classes and an enriched language environment in Starbase from adults who model good language and repeat back correct language to children as they attempt to speak.

Physical/Creative Development

This area continues to be a very important area for the children. They will take part in small and larger group p.e. activities - designed to improve balance and co-ordination. Year 1 and 2 children will take part in mainstream swimming sessions and riding will continue on a rolling programme.

Creative work will focus upon basic skills of cutting, sticking, painting and manipulating materials through a variety of activities and using a variety of media. Links to topic will be made through creative activities when possible e.g. painting different creatures, making monsters and developing our imagination through role play.