



Half termly review

22ND OCTOBER 2020

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

Parent Consultations - Week commencing Monday 9th November

M&M Theatre Production - Monday 9th November

November Film Club - Friday 20th November

Flu Immunisation For School Aged Children—Wednesday 2nd December

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Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

The first half term is over and I want to start by letting you know how proud we all are of all your children. Whether they are new to our school or returning, they have settled well and have shown positive can-do attitudes to new challenges and their work.

Our Breakfast Club and 3-2-6 Club started well and children enjoy socializing with their friends safely. If you'd like more information about Clubs, please contact the office.

I am also very thankful that our attendance this half-term is 97.8%. Let's keep this going.

Please remember to keep reading, talking and having fun after the half term holidays. Stay safe and look after yourselves, ready for a fun packed November and December.

Overview Of Nursery This Term



We have been learning All About Me by talking about our faces, hands and feet and what they can do! We have practised putting on our coats, tasting different foods and playing sound games. We have started using Nursery Rhymes and action songs to help us like 'Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes', Incy Wincy Spider and the Peter Pointer Song! We have been using our kind hands and feet and sharing with our friends whilst we've been learning and exploring in Nursery. We've had lots of fun and there is lots more to look forward to next half term!



Overview of Reception Badgers' Term

The Badgers children have settled well into the routines of our school day.

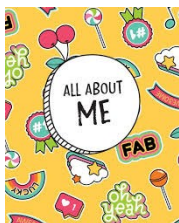
Badgers play and work together really well; learning about sharing and taking turns; and always using kind hands. The children are becoming very independent and can choose the resources they need for learning, but are asking for help when it is needed.

Communication is a huge focus and it underpins all our learning. They have been learning new vocabulary through stories and experiences, constructing sentences with nouns and verbs. They have favourite stories such as 'Oh no George', where children have learnt parts off by heart and can join in and retell the story.

Badgers have started phonics and have learned the sounds 's, a, t, p, l, n'. In Maths they have been exploring numbers from 0-5, recognising each numeral and counting out from a set. They have also been practising writing their own names.

Badgers have been exploring the weather and the change in season to Autumn and went on a lovely walk to find Autumn treasure!

Overview of Reception Hedgehogs' Term



In Hedgehogs we have focused on All About Me and traditional tales. We have learnt about who is in our family and which possible pets may be part of our family. We invited Dusty, our guinea pig, in to look after for a couple of days.

We have started to learn how to look after a garden and we got messy in the allotment by beginning to clear it out and dig the soil. We have been learning about the basic structure of a plant.



We have learnt about the story of the Three Little Pigs and the Gingerbread Man. This includes learning how to retell the story using story maps and joining in with the repeated refrains. We have also made tasty gingerbread for the children to try.

Overview of KS1's Term

Autumn Term has been a very busy time for KS1. The children have settled in well after the extended period at home. We have focused on the children's wellbeing, making sure the children are settled back in to school and enjoying their learning. Our first topic was based on the artist Friedensreich Hundertwasser. We learned about the artist himself, and studied his art work and techniques. We also found out that he was an architect who created very colourful and unusual buildings. During this topic we used our art skills to mix our own shades of colour and we painted in the style of Hundertwasser. We have been using sketch books to record our artwork and studies.

Our second topic which will continue after the half term holidays is The Great Fire of London. We have learned what life was like in 1666, and how different it is to our lives today. We looked at the buildings and houses in London at that time, and we know how and why the fire started and spread so quickly. We found out that the Fire Service we use today was founded after the Great Fire. The fire started in a bakery in Pudding Lane, so we tasted different breads and then designed and baked our own bread. Some of our recipes were delicious, some not so tasty! We have read stories that are based on this historic event and we have written our own facts about it. We are really enjoying our learning about this period in history, so we are going to continue after half term by going back one more year and learning about the Great Plague of 1665!

In PE the children have been learning with Miss Eve, who has been teaching them some fantastic dance moves! The children love dancing with Miss Eve!

In English we have been recapping the skills we had before schools closed in March. We have been building up our writing skills to improve our writing muscles and stamina to help us write longer pieces. Some of us are focusing on our phonics a little more in English lessons to help us build up our reading and writing basic words after such a long time at home. As always, we are working hard to improve handwriting and we have two handwriting lessons a week to support this.



In Maths we also spent quite a long time recapping our number and place value understanding. While some children are still working on this, other children have moved on to look at addition methods too. The children are working hard to catch up on the maths they missed last year! They need to be really secure and counting on and back in steps of 1, 2, 5 and 10. Please help at home by having a little practice every week!

The children have been working very hard on their reading in daily reading sessions. They will read with an adult and read in a group at least once a week. Some of the more advanced readers have started weekly comprehension, where they write answers to questions about their reading in full sentences. Some children are not ready for this yet, but they have a good discussion with an adult about what they have read. Once again you can help at home by reading every day for 5 minutes and talk about the book to make sure your child can read the words and understand what they are reading.

Diary dates

Monday 12th October - Thursday 29th October	-	Online ordering through the Scholastic Book Club
Friday 23rd October - Friday 30th October - Half Term		
Monday 2nd November	8:45am	Children return to school
Monday 9th November	All Day	M&M Theatre Production—Wizard Of Oz
Friday 13th November		Parent Consultations—A Memo will be posted on Tapestry
Friday 20th November	3.00pm - 4.45pm	November Film Club—Priority will be given to children who were not successful getting a place on the October Film Club
Wednesday 2nd December	Afternoon	Flu Immunisation - School aged children

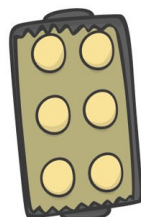
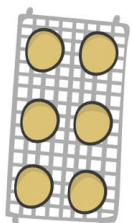
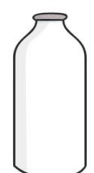
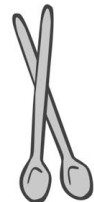
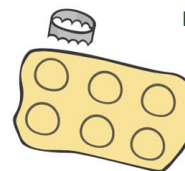
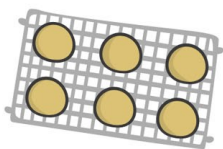
Attendance

Half Termly Attendance Autumn 1 2020			
Year	Class Name	% Week Commencing 12th October Attendance	% Half termly Attendance
Rec.	Badgers	97.0%	96.0%
Rec.	Hedgehogs	94.2%	96.8%
KS1	Squirrels	99.2% 	98.6% 
KS1	Rabbits	98.6%	98.3%
KS1	Owls	96.2%	98.0%
Total attendance		97.1%	97.8%

Well done **Squirrels** with an attendance of **98.6%** for half the term

Well done **Squirrels** with an attendance of **99.2%** for the week beginning **12th October**

Did you Know: Lateness also affects your child's attendance %



Chilli con carne

- 1 Large onion
- 1 red pepper
- 2 garlic cloves
- 1 tbsp oil
- 1 heaped tsp hot chilli powder (or 1 level tbsp if you only have mild)
- 1 tsp ground cumin
- 500g lean minced beef/Quorn
- 1 beef stock cube
- 400g can chopped tomatoes
- ½ tsp dried majoram
- 1tsp sugar
- 2 tbsp tomato purée
- 410g can red kidney beans
- Plain boiled long grain rice

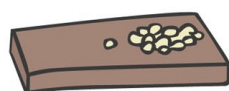
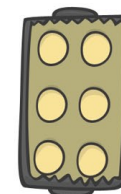


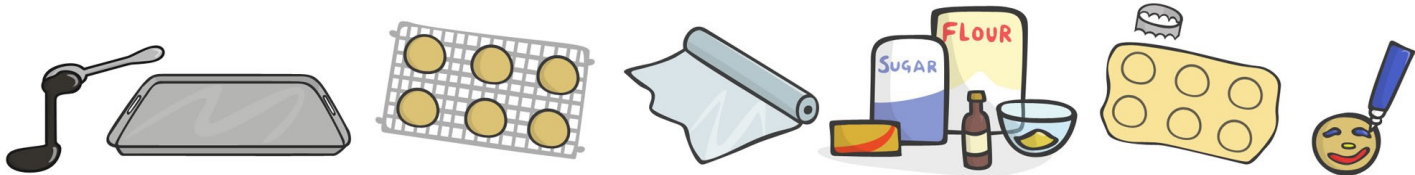
Method

STEP 1: Prepare your vegetables. Chop 1 large onion into small dice, about 5mm square. The easiest way to do this is to cut the onion in half from root to tip, peel it and slice half into thick matchsticks lengthways, not quite cutting all the way to the root end so they are still held together. Slice across the matchsticks into neat dice.

STEP 2: Cut 1 red pepper in half lengthways, remove stalk and wash the seeds away, then chop. Peel and finely chop 2 garlic gloves.

STEP 3: Start cooking. Put your pan on the hob over a medium heat. Add 1 tbsp oil and leave it for 1-2 minutes until hot (a little longer for an electric hob)





STEP 4: Add the onion and cook, stirring fairly frequently, for about 5 minutes, or until the onion is soft, squidgy and slightly translucent.

STEP 5: Tip in the garlic, red pepper, 1 heaped tsp hot chilli powder or 1 level tbsp mild chilli powder, 1 tsp paprika and 1 tsp ground cumin.

STEP 6: Give it a good stir, then leave it to cook for another 5 minutes, stirring occasionally.

STEP 7: Brown 500g lean minced beef. Turn the heat up a bit, add the meat to the pan and break it up with your spoon or spatula. The mix should sizzle a bit when you add the mince.

STEP 8: Keep stirring and prodding for at least 5 minutes, until all the mince is in uniform, mince-sized lumps and there are no more pink bits. Make sure you keep the heat hot enough for the meat to fry and become brown, rather than just stew.

STEP 9: Make the sauce. Crumble 1 beef stock cube into 300ml hot water. Pour this into the pan with the mince mixture.

STEP 10: Add a 400g can of chopped tomatoes. Tip in ½ tsp dried marjoram, 1 tsp sugar and add a good shake of salt and pepper. Squirt in about 2 tbsp tomato purée and stir the sauce well.

STEP 11: Simmer it gently. Bring the whole thing to the boil, give it a good stir and put a lid on the pan. Turn down the heat until it is gently bubbling and leave it for 20 minutes.

STEP 12: Check on the pan occasionally to stir it and make sure the sauce doesn't catch on the bottom of the pan or isn't drying out. If it is, add a couple of tablespoons of water and make sure that the heat really is low enough. After simmering gently, the saucy mince mixture should look thick, moist and juicy.

STEP 13: Drain and rinse a 410g can of red kidney beans in a sieve and stir them into the chilli pot. Bring to the boil again, and gently bubble without the lid for another 10 minutes, adding a little more water if it looks too dry.

STEP 14: Taste a bit of the chilli and season. It will probably take a lot more seasoning than you think.

STEP 15: Now replace the lid, turn off the heat and leave your chilli to stand for 10 minutes before serving. This is really important as it allows the flavours to mingle.

STEP 16: Serve with soured cream and plain boiled long grain rice.

