

Our next topic is...

Colours

This is a brand new topic which we are very excited about! It is full of art and craft opportunities and led by some wonderful texts exploring feelings, difference and uniqueness. It will lead us nicely into Autumn and exploring seasonal changes towards the end of this term. 😊

Milestone

Each topic includes a "Milestone Moment" that the children will experience, linked to our school values. This term we are focussing on...
The value of creativity and inviting families in to complete rainbow craft activities together!
The value of generosity, baking some goodies to share!

These Prime Areas (below) are fundamental to all we do. They will continue to be a priority each day through structured and incidental interactions. **Please can you help us at home by helping your child learn how to put on their own shoes, socks and coats!**

Communication and Language

1. Listening, attention and Understanding, 2. Speaking

Personal, Social and Emotional

Development

3. Self-regulation, 4. Managing self, 5. Building relationships

Physical Development

6. Gross Motor skills, 7. Fine motor skills

Literacy

8. Comprehension
9. Word reading
10. Writing

Our key texts will include...

Colour Monster
The Colour Thief
Calm Down, Zebra
Elmer
Little Acorn
Leaf Thief
Little Red Hen

The Enormous Turnip

As well as lots of opportunities for exploring and discussing

Mathematics

11. Number
12. Numerical patterns

Nursery children will be exploring colour, sorting and pattern this half term.
Reception children will begin with sorting and pattern and then move into looking at the composition of numbers to 5.

Understanding the World

13. Past and Present
14. People, Culture and Communities
15. The Natural World

We will be exploring the Festival of Colours and Festival of Lights, recognising that people have different beliefs and celebrate special times in different ways.
We will be exploring the natural world, describing the seasonal changes we see, hear and feel whilst outside. We will talk about the life cycle of an Oak tree.
We will be discussing the theme

Expressive arts and design

16. Creating with materials
17. Being imaginative and expressive

We will have lots of opportunities to explore colour and pattern, creating collages and mixing colours together to create new colours. We will look at the British artist Norman Adams and his paintings of rainbows and create our own rainbow pictures. We will also look at Dutch artist Piet Mondrian who mixed his own

texts children will also take part in daily phonics sessions.

of Harvest and talking about where our food comes from.

colours to paint pictures - we will have a go at creating our own square pictures!
As always, we will be singing lots! We've attached some of our topical songs on the next page...

Key Vocabulary

Rainbow, colour, hue, light, dark, red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, violet, mixing, repeating pattern, feeling, emotion, sad, happy, angry, cross, worried, anxious, excited, love, different, unique, special
Season, Autumn, leaves, colours, weather, seeds, acorns, oak tree, sapling, grow, hibernation, migration, celebration, fireworks, bonfire, harvest, church

Memos

- PE will be each Tuesday afternoon. Please send children to school in their PE kits, they can wear these all day on a Tuesday.
- Forest School will now be each Wednesday afternoon (please send Forest School waterproofs/clothes in a bag and we will help children to change for their session at lunchtime).
- We have our "Stop and See" session every Wednesday 2.45-3.15 for you to pop in and see what's going on inside Apple Tree Class! On Wednesday 7th September we will be chatting about our EYFS curriculum at 3.15pm - this is most relevant for the Reception parents.
- You are invited to join us for our Milestone Moment rainbow craft session on Tuesday 4th October 2-3pm! We do understand that not everyone can attend due to work commitments, Grandparents are welcome to attend and even if no one can attend the children will still complete the activities!!
- Please help us spread the word about our Stay and Play sessions, open to those with children 0-4years, by inviting any neighbours, family or friends with children in this age group. £3 per family. Next sessions are: 27th September, 1st November, 29th November, 13th December - we hope to see you there!

Topical Songs

Seeing Colours Song

(Sing to the tune of '1,2,3,4,5, Once I caught a Fish Alive')

1, 2, 3, 4, 5,

We see colours with our eyes.

6, 7, 8, 9, 10,

Close your eyes they go again.

1, 2, 3, 4, 5,

Colours brighten up our lives.

6, 7, 8, 9, 10,

We are happy 'cause of them.



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I CAN SING A RAINBOW



Mixing Colours Song

(Sing to the tune of 'The Wheels on the Bus')

We all mix the colours, red and blue,

Red and blue, red and blue.

We all mix the colours red and blue,

It's purple!

We all mix blue with yellow now,

Yellow now, yellow now.

We all mix blue with yellow now,

We have green!

We all mix yellow now with red,

Now with red, now with red.

We all mix yellow now with red,

It's orange!



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The Spectrum Song

(Sing to the tune of 'Heads, Shoulders, Knees and Toes')

Red, orange, yellow, green can be seen,
Blue, indigo and violet too.

Oh, these are the colours we can see,
In a rainbow in the sky, in the sky.



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Colours All Around Us Song

(Sing to the tune of 'Here We Go Round the Mulberry Bush')

Red is the colour of a rose,
Of a rose, of a rose.
Red is the colour of rose,
We like to sing about colours.



Green is the colour of the grass,
Of the grass, of the grass.
Green is the colour of the grass,
We like to sing about colours.



Blue is the colour of the sky,
Of the sky, of the sky.
Blue is the colour of the sky,
We like to sing about colours.



White is the colour of the snow,
Of the snow, of the snow.
White is the colour of the snow,
We like to sing about colours.



Pink is the colour of a pig,
Of a pig, of a pig.
Pig is the colour of a pig,
We like to sing about colours.



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Elmer the Rainbow Elephant Song

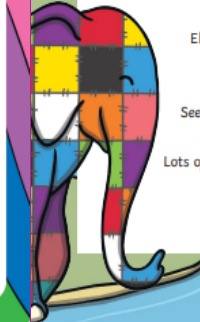
(Sing to the tune of 'I Can Sing a Rainbow'.)

Young and old and tall and short,
Fat and thin, coloured and grey.
All of different sizes, different sizes,
But all love to play.

See the elephants, see the elephants,
A patchwork one you will see.
Lots of different colours, different colours,
Colourful is he.

Yellow, turquoise and pink is he,
Purple and orange and green.
Elmer the elephant, the elephant,
Is the one you've seen.

See the elephants, see the elephants,
A patchwork one you will see.
Lots of different colours, different colours,
Colourful is he.



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Autumn Colours Song

(Sing to the tune of 'Frère Jacques'/'Are You Sleeping?')

Autumn colours, autumn colours,
Orange and brown, orange and brown,
Lots of red and yellow, lots of red and yellow,
It's autumn, it's autumn.

In the autumn, in the autumn,
Leaves fall down, leaves fall down,
Lots of pretty colours, lots of pretty colours,
On the ground, on the ground.



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