

Stories and Songs:

Our focus books will include: 'Handa's Surprise' by Eileen Browne. Do you know any exciting stories about Carnivals that you could send into school to share?

Literacy and Phonics:

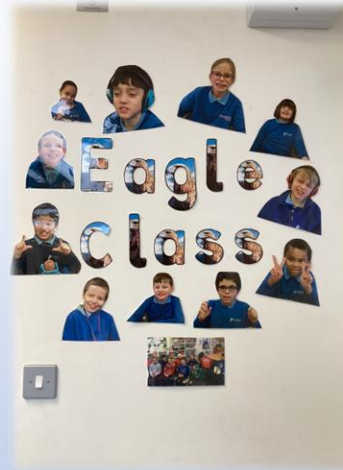
The children will be taking part in daily phonics (Read, Write, Inc.) sessions where they will be learning their sounds, how to blend them, and how to use them to improve their reading. They will also be learning how to write their letters using the correct formation and developing their ability to blend sounds together to make words. Our focus this term is on 'Story Mapping' where we read a story and make a simple map of key events. This is to help the children have an overview of the whole story, in order to be able to talk about it and write sentences about it from their 'Story Map' knowledge. As part of our sentence development, we will be learning about the terms 'noun', 'verb' and 'adjective' and how they will help us write better sentences.

Maths:

The first unit in maths is all about Calculation. Most of the children will focus on early multiplication and division skills. We will be exploring groups and arrays as part of our learning. Our second unit in maths is Fractions where we will be learning all about halves and quarters. We will also be making sure that we can form our numbers correctly and spell the number names with increasing accuracy using our phonic skills to help us.

Carnival: Street Party in Brazil

Eagle Class



How you can help at home:

When you are preparing and sharing food at home can you practise the language for sharing equally in halves and quarters? This will really help the children understand their fractions unit in the second part of the term.

Do you have any books about Carnival that you could share? Have you been to a Carnival and have some photos or mementos that you could send in to share with the class?

Other Curriculum areas:

Science: This term we are going to focus on 'Sound and Light', including which senses we use to receive these with, how they are made and how we can use them in everyday life.

Humanities: Our focus in Geography and History will be experiencing activities from other countries and cultures by exploring Carnival in Brazil.

PSHE: This term we will be thinking about 'Healthy Lifestyles' with a focus on 'Healthy Eating'. We will be learning about the different food groups needed to contribute to our health and well being.

ART: In art we will be making lots of different masks, costumes and resources ready for our Carnival parade.

Music: We will be listening to the 'Carnival of the Animals' and some Samba music to inspire us for making our own sound patterns for Carnival.

ICT: This term we will be developing our ability to create musical patterns to represent Carnival.

RE: We will be taking part in a variety of multisensory activities linked to Carnival and consider how they make us feel.

Highlights:

We are very excited to be sharing some of our learning with all the Phase 1 classes across the school every Friday afternoon.

We are hoping to be able to visit the library and the local supermarket this term.

23/04/26 – In the morning we are visiting Radley College for an interactive Flamenco experience.

23/04/26 – in the afternoon we are taking part in a whole school St George's Day Parade.

21/05/26 – A whole school Carnival Parade – watch out for the photos on Earwig.