

Stories and songs:

As part of our theme, Carnivals: Mardi Gras, the pupils will explore a range of fiction, non-fiction, and poetry inspired by carnivals. Alongside our literacy activities, we will continue to enjoy singing and signing songs during our daily Good Morning routines. The pupils will also take part in music sessions that support communication and self-expression.

Literacy and Phonics:

We will be reading a range of fiction, non-fiction, and poetry linked to our topic, including 'Hats for the Carnival' by Saviour Pirotta, a carnival-themed poem, and 'Giraffes Can't Dance' by Giles Andreae. Pupils will take part in mark-making and simple comprehension activities based on these texts. Pupils will also continue to develop their reading and writing skills through our Read Write Inc. programme, following individual learning pathways tailored to their progress.

Problem Solving and Reasoning:

This term, we will begin by focusing on Calculation. Some pupils will use Numicon to explore number bonds and make connections between numbers and shapes. Others will develop their understanding of money by recognising, identifying, comparing, and ordering coins. As their confidence grows, pupils will use coins in role-play activities, such as playing shop, and begin to practise simple addition and subtraction using money in a practical and engaging way. We will then move on to exploring fractions over two weeks. Pupils will take part in practical activities to help them understand sharing, including making equal and unequal groups. They will then begin to recognise and identify simple fractions using everyday objects in play-based learning. In geometry, we will focus on position and direction. Pupils will explore positional language through outdoor physical education activities, including obstacle courses, follow the leader, ball games, and treasure hunts. These practical experiences will help pupils develop their understanding in a fun and active way.

Carnival: Join the Mardi Gras celebrations!

Hawk



How you can help at home:

Please continue to support your child in working towards their ILP/EHCP targets at home. Encourage your child to go on walks, using these opportunities to practise and reinforce road safety skills. Sharing a book at home and encouraging your child to write key words from the story will really support their learning and development.

Other Curriculum areas:

Music: Pupils will explore sound, rhythm, and pattern through Mardi Gras activities. They will listen to jazz music, explore instruments, copy simple rhythms, and take part in dressing up and parade-style movement.

Geography & History: Pupils will explore different countries and notice simple similarities and differences. We will focus on New Orleans and Mardi Gras and compare this with British experiences through sensory and practical activities.

RE: Pupils will explore how different cultures and religions celebrate special events. Through sensory activities linked to Mardi Gras and St George's Day, they will take part in music, role play, and creative experiences.

PSHE: Pupils will explore healthy living through sensory activities. They will experience healthy foods and exercise, begin to recognise healthy choices, and learn basic self-care, including dental hygiene.

Science: Pupils will explore how sound travels and how we hear, investigating vibrations, loud/quiet sounds, and pitch through practical activities.

PE: Pupils will take part in Sports Day activities, practising running, jumping, throwing, and agility through a range of fun events.

D.T: Pupils will design and make different types of Mardi Gras outfits, then share what they like, dislike, and how they could improve their work.

Highlights:

We will be visiting the park each week, focusing on exercise as part of our PSHE learning, as well as reinforcing important road safety skills.

A small group of pupils will also visit Radley Countryside Centre, where they will learn how to care for animals and build confidence when interacting with them.

At the end of term, we will celebrate with a Mardi Gras event, where pupils can enjoy dressing up, dancing, and listening to jazz music.