

Stories and Songs:

As part of our theme 'Carnival- Mardi Gras' we will be looking a range of fiction, non- fiction and poetry based around celebrations, carnivals and music. We will be exploring Jazz music this term in true 'Mardi Gras' style.

Literacy and Phonics:

Following the theme, we will be reading a fiction, non-fiction, and poetry in a sensory story form, including 'Giraffes Can't Dance', 'Hats for the Carnival' and a poem titled 'Carnival.' This term we will be focusing on sentence construction using Colourful Semantics, retelling the story and describing scenes and characters. We will continue to develop our writing skills in relation to letter formation and composition. As well as this, we will continue to follow the RWI Phonics programme daily.

Problem Solving and Reasoning:

At the beginning of the term, Woodpecker will be focusing on calculation. We will be accessing this in a variety of different ways including finding one more, one less, number bonds to 10 and adding and subtracting two 4-digit numbers with one exchange. As well as this we will be learning about fractions of a whole or a given number.

As the term continues, we will be learning about positional language and direction. We will access this through a variety of functional activities.

As always, we will be applying our mathematical skills across the curriculum to everyday activities for consolidation and generalisation.

Carnival – Join the Mardi Gras Celebration!

Woodpecker Class



How you can help at home:

Create your own carnival costumes using whatever art and craft supplies you may have at home.

Listen to jazz music with your child and have a conversation about the instruments, rhythm and pitch that you can hear.

Go on a light/ sound walk and discuss what you can see and hear. I wonder if you will find any different light or sound sources to what we have discovered in school? Encourage your child to join in with cooking and explore fractions focusing on the language whole/ half/ quarter.

Other Curriculum areas:

Geography: This term we will be learning and comparing different locations. We will be learning about Mardi Gras in New Orleans and comparing it to our local town of Abingdon and our annual celebration of bun throwing. We will also learn about St George's Day and explore it in our whole school celebration.

Science: In Science this term will be learning about light and sound. Some of us will be learning about light and sound sources, whilst others will be learning about the transparency of different materials. We will be exploring shadows in simple terms, with an emphasis on how they occur.

PSHE: In PSHE this term, pupils will be learning about maintaining a healthy lifestyle. We will learn about a balanced diet and the importance of exercise. We will continue to explore keeping ourselves safe online and will continue to build our Zones of Regulation tool kits.

DT and Art: In DT and Art this term we will be designing costumes, hats and accessories for carnival. We will be evaluating our work focusing on our likes and dislikes. Pupils will model their work at our end of term carnival parade.

RE: Our R.E coverage this term will be linked to Christianity in the light of our Mardi Gras theme.

Careers: This term our careers focus is around socialising with people from different classes. We will be holding Friday social clubs in which pupils can choose which group they wish to attend based on their interests.

PE: We will be having weekly PE sessions with the PE coaches this term developing our skills for sports day. We will be following our Swimming curriculum in weekly swimming sessions.

Highlights:

St George's Day Celebrations

Jazz afternoon

Whole school carnival parade

Friday social clubs