

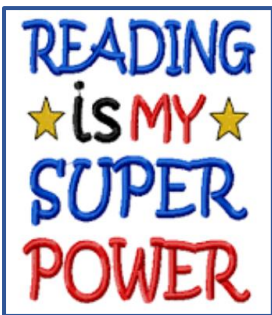


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Friday 15th September 2023

Our Value this Half Term: The Essendon Way

Dear Essendon Families,



Is Reading Your Super Power?

Reading, reading, reading. How many times is your child reading at home or being read to? Reading is the gateway to knowledge, to concentration, to focus. Reading for pleasure starts

at home when our children are little and goes right through to when they can read to themselves. Keep reading together, have a bedtime story every night, take an interest in a topic and research it as a family, join the library. Then reading will be your super power too.

Collective Worship

This week in Collective Worship we reflected on the importance of saying sorry for the things we have done on purpose or accidentally that may have been poor choices. Saying sorry so often unblocks a tricky situation and means we can problem solve together as a team. Using our words is part of The Essendon Way and we use them to say sorry and get the teamwork back



on track. We read the Lords Prayer in Collective Worship and we know that God

can help us when we want to put things right, so we said a prayer of our own and a prayer as a school.

Curriculum Maps

Scroll down for the curriculum maps for this term's learning, find out what topics each class is doing and have a go at your own research at home to back up what we learn in school.

Meet the Teacher – Class Meetings

Thank you for coming along to the meet the teacher meetings this week. Class presentations will be uploaded to our website for those that could not attend.



Enjoying music lessons in Homewood and our Adventure Club crew were 'cooking' s'mores!



Dates for your diary

Thurs 5th Oct – Harvest Service at the church, 2:15pm parents welcome. Foodbank collection.

October – Black History Month

Mon 9th October – School Photos

Half Term – Mon 23rd Oct to Fri 27th Oct

Fri 10th Nov – Remembrance Assembly 2:30pm parents welcome in school

13th to 17th Nov – Anti-bullying Week

Fri 17th Nov – Children in Need – cake sale and non-uniform £1.

Tuesday 21st Nov – Parent Teacher Meetings all classes

Wednesday 22nd Nov Parent Teacher Meetings – Homewood

Thursday 23rd Nov – Parent Teacher Meetings

Have a lovely weekend, from Ms Canham

Key Text:
African Tales by Gcina Mhlophe




Harefield
Curriculum Information
Autumn 1- 2023
Africa, Amazing Africa!

In Maths we will be ...

- Recognising the place value of digits
- Ordering and comparing numbers
- Rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100, 1,000, 10,00 and 100,000
- Practising addition and subtraction
- Practising formal written methods of multiplication and division

In English we will be ...

- Retelling a story from another perspective
- Creating a story to enter into the BBC 500 words competition
- Writing a letter inspired by Floella Benjamin's 'Coming to England'
- Applying persuasive devices to encourage someone to visit a country in Africa

In Science we will be ...

- Grouping and classifying living things
- Identifying the six kingdoms of life
- Investigating the growth of mould
- Observing spore dispersal

In History we will be ...

- Learning about the ancient Egyptian civilisation
- Recognising the significance of the afterlife
- Making comparisons with the ancient Sumer civilisation

In Music we will be ...

- Learning how to play the Djembe

In Computing we will be ...

- Developing knowledge about online safety
- Discovering ways to overcome bullying
- Understanding how technology can affect health and wellbeing

In RE we will be ...

- Learning how Muslims show commitment to God
- Exploring the pillars of Salat, Zakah, Sawm and Hajj

In Design and Technology we will be ...

- Designing a stuffed toy
- Learning to sew a blanket stitch
- Cutting and assembling fabric accurately
- Evaluating against design criteria

In French we will be ...

- Identifying parts of the body
- Using articles accurately
- Describing an imaginary creature

In PE we will be ...

- Using tag rugby to develop the attacking and defending principles of invasion games.

In PSHE we will be thinking about ...

- Citizenship, rights, challenging discrimination and prejudice and how the government works

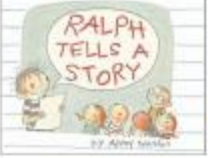
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The Essendon Way

Home learning


- Home reading is completed **daily** and noted in the record.
- A maths and grammar home learning task will be set weekly on Thursday and collected in on **Monday**.
- The times tables for the week will be introduced on Monday and **tested on Friday**.
- 10 spellings (5 curriculum, 5 personal) will be set on Monday and **tested on Friday**.

Key information

- PE takes place on a **Tuesday**.
- Bring outdoor shoes or Wellingtons when wet and coats everyday please.
- You can connect the Harefield team about your child's learning using following email address:
Harefield@essendon.herts.sch.uk



Key Text: Ralph Tells a Story
by Abby Hanlon



Warrenwood
Curriculum information
Autumn Term 2023
Home

In Maths we will be ...

- Counting forwards and backwards in 1s, 2s, 5s and 10s.
- Learning about place value and ordering numbers
- Learning our times tables
- Measuring length using different units of measurement

In English we will be ...

- Reading and discussing an increasingly wide range of fiction
- Writing our own personal narratives
- Considering characters' thought and feelings
- Writing newspaper reports
- Writing letters based on personal experience.

In Science we will be ...

- Exploring living things and their habitats
- Learning about animal and plant adaptations
- Learning about food chains

In PE we will be ...

- Learning tag rugby skills, including defending and attacking
- Playing mini games

In PSHE we will be thinking about ...

- Transition and change
- What makes us who we are
- The importance of mental health

In Geography we will be ...

- Locating the UK on a world map and map of Europe
- Naming locations in the UK
- Identifying features of the UK
- Considering how London has developed and grown

In Design Technology we will be ...

- Learning to use applique and cross stitch
- Designing our own puppets on the computer
- Making and evaluating our own puppets

In Computing we will be ...

- Looking at the accuracy of search engines
- Considering online advertising
- Identifying the difference between fact, opinion and belief
- Thinking about limiting screen time

In RE we will be ...

- Learning about Buddhism
- Thinking about teachings of happiness

Our value this term is The Essendon Way.
We will be asking...

- What are the school Golden Rules?
- How can we work together to help others?

Reminders...

- Make sure you read at home every night and sign reading records.
- PE takes place on a **Tuesday**.
- Outdoor shoes or Wellingtons on Fridays and coats everyday please.
- Spelling tests are every **Thursday**.
- Times tables will be tested on a **Friday**



Key Text: Rapunzel
Bethan Woolvin



Homewood
Curriculum Information
Autumn Term 2023
Travel and Transport



In English we will be ...

- Understanding what makes a good sentence.
- Writing captions, labels and signs and leaving notes
- Writing in role
- Reading and writing poetry



In Science we will be ...

- Finding out what animals & humans need to survive
- Describing a healthy, balanced diet
- Investigating the importance of exercise
- Investigating the importance of hygiene

In History we will be ...

- Learning about the Titanic
- What was life like on board
- Why & how the Titanic sunk
- Looking at different sources of evidence
- Finding out how safety has changed

In Art we will be ...

- Looking at work by Wassily Kandinsky
- Colour mixing

In Computing we will be ...

- Asking 'what is a computer?'
- Exploring parts of a computer
- Inventions

In RE we will be ...

- Asking - What did Jesus teach?'
- Listening to stories from the Bible and thinking about their meanings

In Maths we will be ...

- Understanding place value
- Counting forwards and backwards
- Reading and writing numerals and numbers to 100 and beyond using the correct formation.
- Using a variety of manipulatives
- Shape



In PE we will be ...

- Learning to play a variety of playground games

In PSHE we will be thinking about ...

- Transition and all about me
- Using the Zones of Regulation

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We will be ...

- Understanding the school's vision and values
- Asking how can we encourage everyone's light to shine?
- Following the golden rules

Reminders...

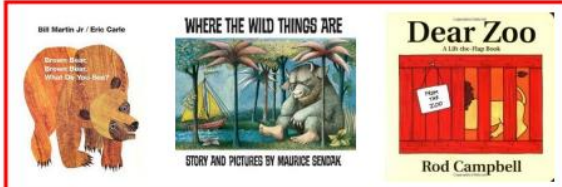
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- PE takes place on a **Friday**.
- **Collective worship** will be at 2:45pm



Pantherswood Autumn term 1 Overview

Class teacher – Miss Griffiths - Teaching Assistants – Miss Sharman, Miss Holding

In the early years foundation stage (nursery and reception), we deliver our curriculum following children's interests, planned topics, subject sequences. We have three core areas within the EYFS stator framework: Communication and language, personal, social and emotional development and physical development. These three areas are key for children to develop the skills and understanding needed to support the four foundation areas which are: literacy, mathematics, understanding the word and expressive art and design.



Communication and Language

Being able to talk to adults and peers expressing wants and need
Talking about my family, friends and special celebrations
Talking about our similarities and differences and what makes us all unique and special
Asking questions and reflecting on our learning

Physical Development

Fine Motor – busy finger activity every morning
Sand and water areas
Mark making opportunities
Gross motor – bikes, construction, ball games
Outdoor area with a range of play opportunities
P.E

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Zones of regulations
Circle time
Small group activities and structured games
Child: child interactions modelled and supported via adults

Core books for literacy

Throughout the first term we will have three core books Brown Bear Brown Bear, Where The Wild Things Are and Dear Zoo that will guide our literacy lessons.
We will use these core books to explore different topics and ideas, supporting the children's interest throughout the children's Learning through Play.

Mathematics

Developing number sense
Matching and sorting
Measure and pattern
Securing numbers 1,2,3

Understand the World

Using our senses to investigate favourite tastes, textures, smells, sounds
Looking at similarities and differences between our friends and families, home and school environments and the wider world

Literacy

Core books
Nursery rhymes
Vocabulary focus
Name recognition
Developing name writing
Begin to write CVC words

Expressive Art and Design

Colour mixing
Using different media inside and outside
Exploring how to create sounds with different instruments
Exploring their environments through forest school and Child Initiated Play



Hello from Friends of Essendon School,

Friends of Essendon School (or FOES 😊) exists for two reasons:

1. To give all children at Essendon School fun and exciting extracurricular activities to look forward to
2. To raise funds for the school

We're a small team and are charity registered; Tippy (Penny and Hanson's mum) is our Chair, Jo (Maisie and Aidan's mum) is our Treasurer and Fiona (Joshy and Ollie's mum) is our Note Taker.

Our first event this year will be the (belated) **Summer Picnic**. We'd love it if you could join us:

**Saturday 23rd September
12-4pm**

We'll be selling burgers and hotdogs 12-2pm, with vegetarian options available, and later we'll sell some ice-creams too. Drinks are 'bring your own' but we will have free squash and water available. There will also be a bouncy castle, sponsored by Statons, with unlimited bounces for all the children. Please note that all children must be accompanied and supervised by an adult.

Coming up

We've already got lots planned for the year ahead which you can keep up to date with by reading the newsletter or joining our [WhatsApp group](#).



We'll also be holding termly meetings for anyone who'd like to come along and get more involved in planning the activities and fundraising.

Speak soon,

Tippy, Jo and Fiona 😊



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Connection

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OPEN TO ALL THOSE LIVING WITH ADHD

**7TH OCTOBER
4TH NOVEMBER
9TH DECEMBER
FROM 10:30 AM TO 12:30 PM**

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**BODY & SOUL CAFE, 110 PARKWAY, WELWYN
GARDEN, AL8 6HN**

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TO HELP YOU SUPPORT CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE WHO MAY BE EXPERIENCING ANXIETY

A FREE ONLINE COURSE FOR PARENTS/CARERS

- TO UNDERSTAND THE CAUSES OF ANXIETY
- UNDERSTAND PHYSICAL SYMPTOMS AND HOW THEY MAY PRESENT IN CHILDREN
- STRATEGIES TO HELP A CHILD MANAGE THEIR STRESS AND BUILD RESILIENCE

DATES: Weds 11th & 18th October

TIME: 12:15-14:30

VENUE: Oak View Primary School, Hatfield - in the Garden Room

To book a place, please use the QR code or go to: <https://forms.office.com/e/sT0TztTX4s>





Essendon C of E (VC) Primary School

Term Dates: 2023/2024

Autumn Term - 2023

Friday 1st September – **INSET Day** – staff only

Monday 4th September – Start of term for pupils – 8:40am doors open, doors close at 8:50am

Monday 23rd October to Friday 27th October – Half Term

Wednesday 20th December – End of Term - 1:15pm

Spring Term - 2024

Thursday 4th January – **Occasional Day** – School Closed

Friday 5th January – **INSET Day** – staff only

Monday 8th January – Start of term for pupils

Monday 19th to Friday 23rd February - Half Term

Thursday 28th March - End of Term – 1:15pm

Summer Term - 2024

Monday 15th April – **INSET Day** – staff only

Tuesday 16th April – Start of term for pupils

Monday 6th May – Bank Holiday

Monday 27th to Friday 31st May – Half Term

Thursday 11th July – Year 6 Secondary School Transition Day

Friday 19th July – End of term - 1:15pm

Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd July – **INSET Days** – staff only