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Literacy – we will be enjoying the story of The Owl Babies. We will share the story and discuss the characters in the story. We will think about how they are feeling and relate this to the children's own experiences. There will be opportunities for the children to create some crafts of the characters and who knows, it may even spark some story telling!

Phonics – We will start our phonics programme this week. This is quite fast paced; the children will learn a sound a day!!! Each day we will introduce the sound, and the children will have a go at writing it. They will bring home a sheet with the sound on to share their learning with you at home and practise their writing of the letter. Please encourage your child to practise at home and keep them for reference and more practise.

We have uploaded a video to our school website which discusses the teaching of phonics and explains various activities your child will be involved in. It also explains some of our maths learning as well. Please visit the website and have a look - <https://deddington-cofe-primary-school.secure-primariesite.net/foundation-stage-plans/>

Maths – the children will engage with activities that draw attention to the purpose of counting – to find out 'how many' objects there are. They have used subitising to identify the number in a set; they will now develop their counting skills to enable them to identify how many there are in a set that cannot be subitised. The children will also explore how all sorts of things can be counted, including sounds. Singing counting rhymes will give them opportunities to hear, join in with and develop their knowledge of the counting sequence.

Fruit Safety for Little Ones

Preventing Choking with Smart Cutting Tips

Children under 5 are still developing their chewing and swallowing skills, which makes some fruits a choking hazard if not prepared properly. Here's how to keep snack time safe:

Cut Smart, Stay Safe

- Grapes, cherry tomatoes & berries → Cut into quarters lengthwise
- Apples, pears & firm fruits → Slice into thin, easy-to-chew pieces
- Bananas & soft fruits → Chop into small bite-sized chunks

Please ensure your child's snacks are cut up accordingly to ensure their fruit safety.

Morning drop off; the children are becoming more confident at coming and putting their belongings away each morning. We would like the children to be even more independent at this with saying goodbye to their people from home outside and coming into the class by themselves!! We would really appreciate your support with this, so if you feel your child can come into class themselves, please encourage it. From next week this will be the case for all children and adults will be asked to say goodbye outside.

Monday 14th September – Miss Sharland is on a course so Miss Sefton will be with the class. The children have their Cross Country session, which you will have seen communication about last week.

Thank you

My Special People Song

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



Special people, special people,
Care for me, care for me.
Lots of special people, lots of special people,
Who love me, who love me.



Special people, special people,
So happy, so happy.
Family and friendship, family and friendship,
You and me, you and me.

