

## Communication and language

The children will be encouraged to join in with circle times as they talk about themes such as their likes and dislikes and what makes them special. There will be lots of emphasis on listening to stories and sharing books. The children will re-tell and make up their own stories using puppets, props and costumes as we follow our Talk 4 Writing programme.

## Literacy - Reading and Writing

We will have a daily phonics session, following the 'Letters and Sounds' programme. The children will be encouraged to put meaning to the marks they make as they draw, write and paint, as well as writing their names and other recognisable letters. We will be learning the stories 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' and 'Peace at Last'.

## Expressive Art and Design

The children will draw, paint and collage pictures of themselves and their families. They will develop their imagination and role play skills in the house and through small world and puppet play. They will learn songs about Harvest and Christmas and explore the sounds they can make with different instruments and with their own bodies.

## Mathematics - Number, Shape, Space and Measure

Throughout this term we will be developing the children's ability to count, recognise and order numbers 0-10 and beyond. We will also be introducing the vocabulary involved in adding and taking away through practical activities and discussion.

The children will develop an interest in the names of shapes, their characteristics and sizes as they use shapes to make pictures and models. They will identify shapes in the environment as we go on a shape search walk.

## Seahorses Class Autumn 2017

Our topic this term is **Changes**. The children have thought about what they would like to cover in our topic and are excited about looking at birthdays, themselves as babies and night time.

**The children's interests will continually be used to inform the direction which our topic takes.**

## Understanding the World - The World, People and Communities and Technology

The children will be encouraged to share their family experiences with the class during circle times. The children will explore similarities and differences in relation to each other and their families and what makes them unique, including how they grow up over time.

The children will investigate and develop their IT skills using the ipads, laptops, Listening Station, and Whiteboard. There will also be lots of opportunities for exploring in our outdoor area.

## Physical Development

Small equipment such as pegboards and threading, dough gym, scissors and pencil control activities will be used to develop the children's fine motor skills. In our PE sessions we will work on getting undressed and dressed independently and focusing on basic movements, exploring how humans and other animals move. We will also be looking at how we can stay healthy in our PE lessons. We are really excited about going swimming too.

## Personal, Social and Emotional Development

At the start of term the emphasis will be on encouraging the children to play together and to develop friendships. They will be helped to settle into the daily routines and supported to become happy and confident in their new class/school. The children will be encouraged to express their feelings and to respect the feelings of the other children and adults.

## How you can help

Share books and stories regularly and ask your child questions about what you have read.

Help your child learn their sounds and tricky words when these are sent home.

Practise tracing or writing their name, showing them the correct letter formation and pencil grip.

Help your child learn to count, recognise and order numbers to ten.

Thank you