

Communication and language

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, small worlds and costumes as we continue to follow our Talk 4 Writing programme. We will also have circle time to encourage the children to develop their communication as well as listening to audio books.

Literacy – Reading and Writing

We will continue to share and read quality story books. We will also have a daily phonics sessions, to teach children new letters of the alphabet and sounds. The children will be encouraged to use their sounds to write words as they draw, write and paint, as well as beginning to write simple sentences when they are ready. Our books this term include 'How rabbit stole the fire' and 'Penguin Small'.

Expressive Art and Design

This term, we are going to create fire and ice pictures using a range of materials as well as using junk models to create famous London landmarks. Throughout this term the children will create Valentine's day, Mother's day and Easter crafts. The children will develop their imagination and role play using dressing up, our role play area and outdoor area.

Mathematics – Number, Shape, Space and Measure

Throughout this term we will be continuing to develop the children's ability to count, recognise and order numbers to 10 and beyond. We will also be using the vocabulary involved in adding and subtraction through practical activities and discussion. The children will be encouraged to look for patterns in the environment and recreate these patterns. We will re-cap 2D and 3D shapes.

Seahorses Class Spring Term 2018

Our topic this term is **Fire and Ice**.

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 continue to investigate and develop their IT skills using the iPad, laptops, listening station, and Interactive Whiteboard. We will also be planting lots of plants within our outdoor area. Within our class topic 'Fire and Ice' we will also be conducting a range of experiments using heat and ice.

Physical Development

During the spring term, children will swim on Monday afternoons and have PE on Friday. The children will continue to develop their fine motor skills building up to an efficient pencil grip. In PE the children will be doing lots of work on gymnastics and dance, concentrating on spatial awareness. We will also be looking at how we can stay healthy by exercising and eating healthy foods.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Throughout this term we will be exploring the values of happiness, resilience, tolerance and caring and learn what they mean and how they are important to us. The children will develop the friendships they have made whilst playing together, turn taking and sharing. 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.