

Communication and language

The children will be encouraged to join in with daily carpet times with plenty of opportunities to have discussions, share stories, rhymes and weekend news to develop their speaking and listening skills. We will be learning to orally tell the stories of 'The Little Red Hen' and 'The Hungry Caterpillar' using our Talk 4 Writing sessions. The children will then have opportunities to make up their own stories using puppets, props and costumes.

Literacy - Reading and Writing

Once the children have settled into school and are ready to learn, they will begin participating in a short daily phonics lesson to learn new sounds for reading and writing. They will then bring home a phonetically decodable reading book. The children will be encouraged to put meaning to the marks they make as they draw, write and paint, as well as recognising and writing their names.

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

This term we will be looking at the seasonal changes and have plenty of opportunities to explore natural materials and our outdoor area. 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. In our RE themes we will be looking at why the word 'God' is special to Christians and how Christians celebrate Christmas.

Mathematics - Number, Shape, Space and Measure

Throughout this term we will be developing the children's ability to count, recognise and understand numbers 0-5. We will be introducing the concept of number value using the Numberblocks and the children can begin to use a range of equipment to embed their new learning. There will be opportunities for the children to develop an interest in pattern and shape, they use shapes to make pictures and models.

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We will follow key themes and topics throughout the term, however, children's own interests and ideas will continually be used to inform the direction in which our learning takes.

Expressive Art and Design

The children love having access to the Creation Station where they can draw, paint and craft every day. They will develop their imagination and role play skills in the story cafe and through small world and puppet play. They will learn songs about Autumn Harvest and Christmas and explore the sounds they can make with different instruments and with their own bodies

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. Our short weekly PSHE carpet sessions will focus on 'Being me in my World' and 'Celebrating Differences'.

Physical Development

We are really excited about going swimming each week this term with a qualified instructor. In the classroom a range of small equipment such as pegboards and threading, dough disco, scissors and pencil control activities will be used to develop the children's fine motor skills. In our weekly PE sessions we will work on getting dressed and undressed independently and focusing on controlling our basic movements.

How you can help

Share books and stories regularly and ask your child questions about what you have read/ heard. 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. Encourage your child to recognise patterns and number in the environment.