

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 to develop their speaking and listening skills. We will be learning to orally tell the story of 'The Gruffalo' using our Talk 4 Writing sessions. The children will then have opportunities to make up their own stories using puppets, props and costumes. We will use story maps to draw out the story and build on vocabulary as we learn new words.

Literacy – Reading and Writing

In pre-school we will be continuing to focus on Phase 1 phonics by thinking about the way words sound and identifying words that rhyme. We will continue to read a range of stories and will begin to think about the way stories are structured.

In Reception the children will be moving onto Level 2 sounds and becoming familiar with digraphs to use in their reading and writing. We will also be starting to write simple sentences.

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

The children will be given opportunities to explore the world in which they live in through visits to the forest school area and outdoor grounds. They can ask questions about where they live and the changes that happen during the winter/spring and compare these to other countries. The children will learn about different cultures as we celebrate Chinese New Year and learn about the country China.

Mathematics – Number, Shape, Space and Measure

In pre-school they will begin to think about numbers as a group of objects that can be arranged in different ways and be given opportunities to compare different numbers.

In Reception we will be continuing to nurture the children's ability to recognise, count and subitise within 10. There will be lots of practical hands on opportunities to embed their understanding of number with a focus on combining groups.

Early Years Spring 2022

Our topic this term will start with 'Celebrations' as we learn about Chinese New Year and the Joys of Winter. We will then be focusing on 'Superheroes' after half term.

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

Expressive Art and Design

The children will be given many opportunities to explore rhythm and sounds of instruments. They will be encouraged to respond to music and to make their own music in response to experiences. The children will have daily opportunities to draw, paint and use collage and sculpture to express their ideas.

Physical Development

Reception will be encouraged to dance and move in different ways during P.E sessions and Pre-school will get opportunities to use a range of PE equipment. The children will be encouraged to become increasingly independent in their self-care and learn how to stay healthy. They will be encouraged to put on coats, jumpers, hats, scarfs and gloves independently. The children will continue to take part in activities which strengthen and promote their fine motor skills.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

The children will be given opportunities to take turns, share ideas and extend play without adult intervention. They will become more aware of the feelings of other people and what they can do to help them. We will be exploring all emotions through role play and stories. Our short weekly PSHE carpet sessions will focus on 'Dreams and Goals' and 'Healthy Me.'

How you can help

Please regularly look at your child's learning journey on SeeSaw, encouraging them to talk about what they have been busy doing in Starfish Class.

Share books and stories regularly. When in Reception, help your child learn their sounds and tricky words and daily reading of their reading books.