

Communication and Language / Literacy

This term we will be looking Pie Corbett's 'Talk for Reading' approach as a way to build upon our reading comprehension and understanding of stories. We will be looking at a series of key texts which we will read and discuss at length. In Reception these texts will also influence our writing where we will be focusing upon writing for different purposes and introducing capital letters as well as learning Set 3 phonic sounds and tricky words. In Pre-school we will be learning new minibeast themed rhymes and developing our phonological awareness through rhyming words, clapping syllables and exploring initial sounds.

Starfish Topic Planning Summer Term 'Are we nearly there yet?' and 'Nature Detectives'

Key texts

The Train Ride, Whatever Next,
Mrs Armitage on Wheels
Air, Land and Sea Transport Books
Hairy Maclary, Billy's Beetle
The Munching Crunching Caterpillar
What the Ladybird Heard
Mad About Minibeasts
Norman the Slug with the Silly Shell
A range of non-fiction texts

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

Our values for the next few months are Appreciation (including caring, love, kindness, thoughtfulness and friendship) and Mindfulness (including happiness, self-worth, awareness and calmness). We will also be exploring the ideas of 'Relationships' and 'Changing Me' with Jigsaw Jenie. In RE we will be considering the questions; 'Which places are special to different people and religions and why?' and 'Being special: Where do we belong?'

Physical Development

In PE we will be considering how to move in different ways such as rolling, jumping, hopping, skipping and climbing. We will also look at the importance of balance and coordination in these movements. As part of our daily classroom activity we will be using a wide variety of tools and engaging in model making and construction activities using a variety of different materials. We will also develop our motor skills in focussed sessions of Dough Disco, Squiggle Whilst You Wiggle and yoga. Reception children will be swimming and Pre-school children will be looking at the fastenings of zips and buttons and how to use these independently.

Understanding the World

There will be lots of direct hands on exploration of the natural world around us during these topics as well as discussion of our own real-life experiences of transport. We will make comparisons between different types of transport and look at growing in detail including looking at life cycles and planting and caring for vegetables from seed. We also will look closely at minibeasts and compare them looking at their similarities and differences. We will use these same observational skills to also consider how transport has changed through time.

Mathematics

Reception children will be looking at securing their use of numbers to 10 as well as verbally counting beyond this. We will look at patterns in number including doubling, sharing, odds and evens. We will continue to develop knowledge of addition and subtraction, including through the use of number facts.

Pre-school children will be looking at patterns, comparing and creating amounts to 5, talking about sequences in their daily routines and using positional language.

Expressive Arts and Design

Each week the children will learn to recite a new rhyme from memory. The children will use themed small world resources to develop their imaginations and ability to create their own stories. Reception children will use a variety of artistic effects such as drawing, painting and collage to express their ideas. They will also explore how to play instruments in expressive ways. Pre-school children will begin to explore how to use lines and shapes to represent objects as well as how to join and shape different materials.