

Communication and Language Development

The children will be taking part in regular circle times in which we will share news from home so please feel free to upload photos to our Dojo so that your child can share some news. This will enable the children to develop confidence in speaking and it will give them opportunities to listen to others, to take turns and to ask questions.

Our home corner reflects a 'living room area' and this will be added to each week with a wide range of books, tea sets, photos etc.

We also have weekly 'Interactive reading' sessions where the children have the opportunity to develop their language skills through sharing a story book with a friend and discussing what is happening in the pictures.

Religious Education

This term we will be exploring Christianity and Judaism and discussing the key question of 'What makes people special?'

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

PSHE

We will be following the Jigsaw scheme of work focusing on 'Being me in my World'. As we are a values-based school, we will also be exploring the first of our 'Five Ways to Well-Being' which is 'Keep Learning!' Through this we will be discussing how we can persevere, be curious and learn something new. We will be discussing ways in which we can show this both at school and at home so please do share on Dojo with us any ways your child has tried or learnt something new. We will also focus on the British Values.

**Reception
Term 1
2026**

**It's Good to
be me!**

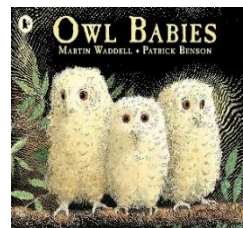
Expressive Arts and Design

Art

We will be completing drawings of ourselves and our families, including where we live. We will use our imagination and observational skills to paint owls and their homes.

Music

We will be developing our singing voices and we will be exploring how to make sounds using our body e.g. clapping, tapping, using our voices etc. We will focus on how to create a steady beat and explore the percussion instruments.



Understanding the World

We will be learning about the natural world around us and will be describing what we can see, hear, smell and feel whilst outside. We will learn about environments that are different to where we live and understand the effect of changing seasons on the natural world around us. We will also be learning how we can respect the world around us, this includes; ourselves; others; animals and the environment.

Technology

We will be discussing how we can stay safe online and will explore taking photos of our learning using the class iPads.

Mathematics Development

Each week we will be focussing on a new number starting at 1. We will learn to count and represent that number in different ways.

We will also be learning to match numerals and quantities correctly and compare groups of objects stating whether they are the same or have more or less. We will be introducing five frames to support the children with recognising and subitising amounts. We will also be watching various episodes of NumberBlocks to reinforce what numbers represent.

Physical Development

We will be having PE sessions every Wednesday. Our theme this term is 'Fundamentals' which will include learning to balance and use simple equipment. We will also learn how to find a space and how to follow simple instructions to play games. We will be going on regular Welly walks and observing the changes within our environment so please ensure your child has wellies in school.

We will be developing our fine motors skills and learning to hold a pencil to form our letters correctly. We will be learning to use scissors safely and will be doing a range of activities such as threading and manipulating playdoh to build up the muscles in our hands.

Literacy

We will be focusing on a range of nursery rhymes and orally retelling Owl Babies and The Little Red Hen. We will discuss the elements of books, such as the cover, title, blurb, text and pictures. We will describe the main story settings, events and characters and we will talk about our favourite parts of the stories. We will also draw and write letters and words about the stories. The children will also take part in 3x group reading sessions weekly and phonics on a daily basis.