

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 from home. 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 'Helicopter Story' sessions where the children have the opportunity to build a story and act this out with their peers. The children will develop their language skills and role play through familiar scenarios.

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 be exploring the value of 'Kindness' and discussing ways in which we can show this both at school and at home. We will also focus on the British Values.

Reception
Term 1
2024

It's Good to
be me!

Understanding the World

Technology

We will be exploring technology within the classroom and learning how to use cameras, iPads, computers and the story headphones. We will also be practising how to log on to the computers and open a simple programme such as Purple Mash.

The World

We will be learning about exploring the natural world around us and describing what we see, hear, smell and feel while 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 learn how we can respect the world around us e.g. ourselves, others, animals and the environment.

Expressive Arts and Design

Art

We will be completing drawings of ourselves and our families and where we live. We will use our imagination and design skills to create 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.

Literacy

We will be focusing on a range of nursery rhymes and orally retelling Owl Babies, The Little Red Hen and Elmer. 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 group reading sessions and phonics on a daily basis.

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 morning. Our theme this term is 'Fundamentals' which will include learning to explore movement, 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 also be going on regular Welly walks and observing the changes within our environment.

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 we will be doing a range of activities such as threading and manipulating playdoh to build up the muscles in our hands.

