

Communication and Language Development

The children will continue to take part in regular circle times in which we will share news from home so please upload any news and/or photos to our Dojo so that your child can share. This enables the children to develop their confidence in speaking and it will give them opportunities to listen to others, 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. This provides children various opportunities to further develop their language through familiar scenarios. We will be continuing our weekly 'Helicopter Story' sessions where the children have the opportunity to build a story using our class widget vocabulary and then act this out with their peers.

Religious Education

This term we will be exploring Christianity and discussing the key question of 'What is Easter?'

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

PSHE

We will be following the Jigsaw scheme of work focusing on 'Healthy Me'. As we are a values-based school, we will be exploring the value of 'Courage' and discussing ways in which we can show this both at school and at home. We will also focus on the British Values.

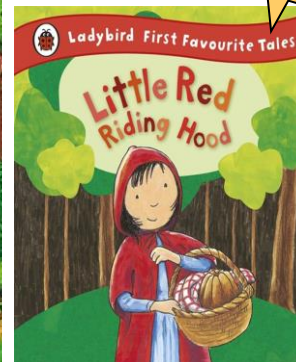
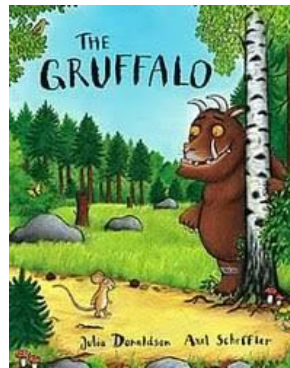
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Journeys and Mapping

Literacy

We will be focusing on developing our vocabulary through a range of poems, nursery rhymes and books such as, 'The Gruffalo', and 'Little Red Riding Hood'. We will begin to use our phonic knowledge to write 1-3 sentences describing characters and settings as well as re-telling the story.

We will continue making story maps to help us to retell the story and will recap the elements of books, such as the cover, title, blurb, text and pictures and will develop our innovating skills. The children continue to take part in group phonic and reading sessions on a daily basis.



Expressive Arts and Design

Art

We will be exploring observational drawings this term to create drawings and paintings of various characters from our Literacy books and further developing our taught skills such as colour mixing and brush techniques. We will also be exploring oil pastels to create detailed woodland settings and animals. We will further explore clay.

Music

We will continue to develop our singing voices through nursery rhymes and songs in our singing assemblies. We will continue exploring how to make sounds using our body, for example, clapping and tapping and will use musical instruments to copy and create a steady beat with varying tempo. We will be taking part in a Drama workshop to celebrate World Book Day.

Mathematics Development

We will be deepening our learning in addition and subtraction and will be learning to match numerals and 10 frame quantities correctly. We will also be exploring what numbers are hiding in other numbers (e.g. 3 and 4 are in 7). We will be introducing ABB and ABC patterns to the children and will be exploring 2D and 3D shapes further. We will also be introducing odd and even numbers, making 2-wise arrangements on 10 frames and we will start to look at capacity. We will continue playing a wide range of games and will watch various episodes of NumberBlocks to reinforce what numbers represent.

Understanding the World

We will be exploring the natural world around us and using our senses to describe what we see, hear and feel whilst outside. We will be visiting Westonbirt Arboretum to go on our 'Gruffalo walk' and will explore the environment, discussing the changing seasons and comparing to how it is different to our school grounds. We will discuss animal homes and how we can look after and respect our animals and planet. We will make bird feeders and make observational drawings of woodland animals and trees.

Physical Development

This term our PE focus will be 'Gymnastics' where we will be experimenting the different ways our bodies can move and in negotiating space and obstacles safely. The children will also have the opportunity to use a range of large and small gymnastic apparatus safely (PE will continue to be on Wednesday mornings).

We will also be continuing to develop our fine motors skills with weekly cutting activities. We will be focussing on doing a range of activities such as threading and manipulating playdoh to build up the muscles in our hands to improve our handwriting.