

Curriculum Overview

Autumn - 2022



Reception

Communication and Language

This term we will be talking about what 'good listening' is and how we can be good listeners when sharing our 'All About Me' boxes. We will be learning how to take it in turns to talk and playing lots of speaking and listening games to help us feel more confident when talking in a small group.

To help develop the vocabulary we use, we will be introduced to the 'Fantastics' senses lenses. Vocabulary will be a big focus throughout the year, as we want to become fantastic word collectors of new and exciting words we can use in our daily vocabulary!

Understanding of the World

This term, we will be exploring the changes of time regarding us as babies to now as reception children. We will also discover the changes of season as we approach Autumn. We will be finding out about different homes around the world and what is special about the world that we live in. As the term progresses, we will be participating in several of festivals and celebrations such as Harvest, Diwali to name a few.

Expressive Arts and Design

In Expressive Arts and Design, we will begin by exploring colour and what happens when we mix colours together. We will be creating our own self-portraits using various materials and media.

During Nursery Rhyme Week, we will perform nursery rhymes with our friends. We will also experiment with the sounds different instruments make and how sounds can be changed.

Mathematics

In maths this term, we will be developing and deepening our understanding of numbers up to five as well as exploring pattern and shapes with up to four sides.

We will also compare size, mass and capacity through our play and learning environments both inside and outside.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This area of learning will be the most important one for us during this time of transition. Our priority is for the children to feel safe and happy during their first term at school.

We will be doing a lot of work about feelings and how to deal with them and using various books to support the children.

We will focus on developing positive relationships with both adults and other children as well as working on sharing and taking turns. The children will also be supported while getting used to their new classroom environment and routines.

Using songs and stories, the children will be encouraged and supported to manage their own basic needs; going to the toilet independently, washing their hands and dressing themselves.

Physical Development

It is important for us to develop our gross and fine motor skills in order to become fluent writers. We will be taking part in 'Dough Disco' and 'Squiggle whilst you Wiggle' sessions that will help to do this. Our handwriting program, 'Kinetic Letters' will also help to strengthen our core muscles.

We will be using a range of our funky fingers activities to encourage fine motor strength in preparation for writing as well as making use of our outdoor area. Our P.E. sessions this term will focus greatly on the children being able to change themselves independently. During the sessions, we will be learning about how to negotiate space and obstacles safely as well as exploring gymnastics elements of balancing and different shapes our bodies can make.

Literacy

This term we will be encouraging the children to use new vocabulary they have learnt in their play. We will also encourage the retelling of familiar stories with props, puppets and helicopter stories.

In our phonics sessions, we will begin learning the Phase 2 sounds as well as exploring these new sounds in our environment. We will be practising how to blend and segment words as we venture into early reading and writing.

We will be encouraging the children to make marks and write with meaning as often as they can during their child initiated play; Towards the end of the term we will be beginning to form some letters and words independently.