

Autumn Term 1 2019

COMMUNICATION & LANGUAGE

This is the foundation of all that we do. We assess the children's communication skills and support any needs that are identified. Children will be encouraged to share their ideas and opinions through questioning. We will use our environment, images and books to develop children's vocabulary. We will have a 'home' role play area to begin with and will be exploring lots of rhymes and stories.

LITERACY

This term we will begin to teach phonics using Read, Write, Inc. The children will listen to lots of stories about starting school, ourselves and growing. These will include 'I Like Bees, I Don't Like Honey' and 'The Growing Story'. We will also use 'The Three Little Pigs' to support retelling and responding to stories. We will work on recognising and writing our names and making meaningful marks.

UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD

We will provide opportunities to learn about the similarities and differences between ourselves and others. We will name body parts and compare features such as eye colour. We will learn about how we change as we grow. The children will share experiences with each other, discussing families and friends. We will begin to use the Chrome books and Ipads.

PERSONAL, SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

This half term we will focus on establishing expectations and routines within the class. The children will meet Resilience the Mouse who supports our 'Growth Mindset' and learn about the Golden Rules. We will look at ourselves as unique individuals and will talk about kindness. The children will also talk about their feelings and begin to think about managing these.

MARVELLOUS ME!

EXPLORING MEDIA & MATERIALS

We will be developing the skill of joining materials through sticking and also using basic scissor skills. We will explore colour mixing and using basic shapes to represent objects, events and people in drawings and models. We will also take part in storytelling and the creation of narratives through small world and role play. The children will sing nursery rhymes and other songs.

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

The children will begin with basic changing skills during swimming and PE where we will explore moving in different ways. We will work on gross motor skills to strengthen our joints and muscles ready for writing. The children will practise fine motor skills such as cutting, threading and using pencils for letter shapes. We will talk about taking care of our bodies by washing hands and keeping clean.

MATHS

This half term we will focus on number and securing the concept of what a number is. The children will explore different ways of representing numbers using a range of concrete resources, reinforcing 1 to 1 counting skills. We will also be using Numberblocks, supported by the NCEM resources. The children will look at position and shape in the environment.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

We will begin by learning our morning, lunch and afternoon prayers. Each class throughout the school will follow the same topics throughout the year. This half term the children will focus on Creation and then begin Prayers, Saints and Feasts. They will listen to the Creation Story and find examples of creation in our environment. We will also take part in our Harvest Festival.