

Reading

Throughout the term we will be sharing a range of texts with the children, including poetry, non-fiction and fiction. The children will learn to recite repetitive phrases and ask and answer questions based on what they have heard. The children take part in daily phonics sessions and will also use their developing phonic skills to begin to read simple words and short sentences with independence.

Maths

This term in maths we will be covering a range of topics. These will include exploring and creating patterns, matching, sorting, and comparing amounts, learning about some common 2D shapes and numbers as well as comparing size, mass and capacity.

Literacy

In Literacy we will begin to write our own names and develop a good pencil grip, learning to form letters correctly through big movements and daily Kinetic Letter sessions. We will use key texts to encourage writing beginning with simple labels and new vocabulary linked to the texts will be taught. The texts that we will use this term are: Oliver's Vegetables, Once There Were Giants, Hovis The Hedgehog and Binny's Diwali, Little Goose's Autumn and Leah's Star. We will focus on spelling simple CVC words, recognising and spelling some tricky words correctly and having a good go at spelling more complex words using our phonic knowledge.

Understanding the World

This term we will have opportunities to name, describe and talk about members of our immediate family and community as well as people who are familiar to us. We will focus on understanding our bodies and getting to know our school community too.

We will also learn about celebrations such as Harvest Festival, Bonfire Night, Diwali, Internet Safety week, Christmas, Remembrance Day, World Space Day, Road Safety Week, Christmas Jumper Day, Black History Month, Children in Need and Christingle. We will begin to learn how to explore the natural world around us by describing what they we see, hear and feel whilst outside. We will also learn to understand the effects of changing seasons on the natural world around us by exploring the Season of Autumn. We will also learn how to keep ourselves safe whilst using ICT devices and we will learn about simple data handling methods.

Expressive art and design

This term the children will explore, use and refine a variety of artistic effects to express ideas and feelings, eg. they will express their own self-image through art. They will learn basic painting, colour mixing, cutting and clay moulding skills. In music lessons children will have a variety of adult-led and child-initiated activities delivered through planning and play. All the musical learning will be focussed on nursery rhymes and action songs.

Communication and language

Throughout our reading we will come across new words. Children will learn new vocabulary in all curriculum areas, and they will be supported to use this during independent activities and play. Each week we will focus on a new word that we would like all children to be able to use and understand to widen their vocabulary.

With the help of our 'Listening Ladder,' the children will practise their listening skills in different situations and understand why listening is important.

Personal social and emotional health

As we begin a new school year we will focus on how it feels to belong and that we are all 'unique.' We will learn to recognise and manage our feelings and consider the feelings of others too. We will learn to understand why it is good to be kind, in words and in deeds. We will start to understand our rights and what being responsible means.

Physical Education

In PE the children will be learning to develop their confidence in fundamental movements. They will experience jumping, sliding, rolling, and moving under and over apparatus. This will help them improve their coordination and gross motor skills. They will learn to independently get dressed and undressed for PE lessons.

This term the children will be introduced to the Kinetic letter animal positions, develop their core strength, learn to form their letters correctly as well as developing the correct pencil grip for writing. Children will further develop use of tools for writing, cutting and building etc.

The children will also learn about the different factors that contribute to good health such as having good sleep routines, tooth brushing etc

Religious Education

During RE this term the unit title is 'Being special – where do we belong?'. The children will learn that all people are unique and that Christians believe all people are special to God. In addition, our children will learn how Christians welcome babies into Christianity and have the opportunity to compare this with how Muslim babies are welcomed into Islam.