

Physical Development Gross and Fine Motor Skills

The children will continue to develop their fine motor skills building up to an efficient pencil grip in preparation for fluent writing. During our PE sessions we will continue to work on our strength, balance and coordination as well as during play. We will also be looking at how we can stay healthy by exercising and eating healthy

Mathematics

Number and Numerical Patterns

Throughout this term we will be continuing to develop the children's understanding of number to 10, including the composition of each number as well as focusing on subitising up to 5. We will continue to verbally count beyond 20, recognising the pattern of the counting system. We will explore the patterns within numbers up to 10, including evens and odds, double facts and how quantities can be distributed equally.

Literacy Comprehension

Daily sharing and reading of quality story books by various authors. We will also have a daily phonics session, following Oxford Reading Tree's 'Floppy's Phonics' programme. The children will be encouraged to use their sounds to write words as they develop their confidence in writing simple sentences. They will also practise letter formation as they continue to form their letters correctly.

Communication and Language

Listening Attention, Understanding & Speaking

We will continue this term with an emphasis on listening to stories and sharing books. The children will re-tell and make up their own stories using the small world resources and props. We will continue following our Talk 4 Writing programme with many new and exciting stories. The children will be encouraged to ask lots of questions in small groups and class discussions as well as developing and expressing their ideas and feelings about their experiences using full sentences, including use of past,

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Our topic this term is

'Magical Animals and Habitats'

The children will enjoy looking at different animals and their environments.

The children's interests will continually be used to inform the direction which our topics take.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Throughout this term the children will develop the friendships they have made whilst playing together, turn taking and sharing. They will learn the qualities of a good friend and what it means to support each other's learning. The children will be encouraged to express their feelings and to respect the feelings of the other children and adults.

Expressive Art and Design

Creating with Materials and Being Imaginative and Expressive

The children will draw, paint and construct collage pictures of different animals and their habitats. They will develop their imagination and role play skills using props and materials. They will model with clay, salt dough and play dough sharing their creations, explaining the process they have used. The children will experiment with musical instruments and build up their bank of favourite songs. We will continue to move to the music with our much loved Dough Disco and Squiggle sessions.

Understanding the World

Past and Present, People, Culture and Communities, The Natural World

We will continue to look at our immediate environment and also at different animals and their habitats. We will encourage the children to look at the similarities and differences between the natural world around them and contrasting environments. The children will also continue the learning journey about the similarities and differences between different religious and cultural communities in this country.

How you can help

Share books and stories regularly and ask your child questions about what you have read. Help your child learn their sounds and tricky words as these are sent home. Practise letter formation and writing tricky words. Help your child learn to count, recognise and order numbers to twenty and beyond.

Thank you