

Foundation Stage

Spring Term

2015

Personal, Social & Emotional

The children are now confident with the school and EYFS routine. We continue to promote gentle play and friendships as they learn to play in a wider social group.

Social skills such as table manners and toileting are continuing objectives and as children are extending the hours they attend school, they will be encouraged to be more independent in these areas.

Developing respect for both indoor and outdoor environments as well as caring for equipment and personal possessions will be a continual theme. Following our RE curriculum 'Come and See' and 'Journey in Love', the topics for this term are 'Celebrating', 'Gathering' and 'Growing'. As we prepare for Lent, the Easter story will be introduced through all activities.

Communication, Language, & Literacy

This area of the curriculum develops a range of skills. Opportunities to read, write, listen and speak are planned through role play and play-based activities. In writing, we aim to develop key skills such as letter formation and some independent writing. During this term, we hope the children will be able to use their increasing phonic knowledge to spell simple words. Tricky 'Key words' will be introduced in class and we ask you to encourage your child to practice these regularly. All children work at their own level and pace and are closely supported as they read and write. Sharing stories daily is an important part of the Reception routine and a wide range of texts and reading genre are provided. This term poetry, fiction and non fiction books will be closely linked to our topics.

With the new introduction of our 'Supersonic Phonics' groups, the children will extend their knowledge of letters and sounds at their own rate and your continued support and practice with this at home is invaluable.

Problem Solving, Reasoning and Numeracy

At this level, all mathematical topics are offered in a practical context and as children gain confidence, they begin to record number work in written format. Language for addition and subtraction will be introduced and opportunities to use these skills will be provided through various activities. Number recognition and sequencing will be developed using hundred square, number lines and visual as well as practical resources. Mathematical language relating to shape, quantity and position will be a key objective for the second half of the term. Number formation is supported as children learn.

Understanding The World

As the New Year begins, we will be focusing on numbers, including dates, years, months and days of the week. We will be going on short walks around our local area in order to recognize 'numbers all around us'. We will also be looking at shapes and how these are represented in daily life, especially during our cycle training week. To further develop our 'Outdoor Learning' we will continue to deliver 'Forest School' activities as well as local educational visits. We ask that you continue to supply your child with adequate clothing for this Outdoor Learning. To develop the children's understanding of other cultures and beliefs, we will be learning about Chinese New Year.

Creative Development

Experiential learning is necessary for children in the Foundation Stage in order to develop imagination and creativity. Through art, craft, music and drama, children will be encouraged to make independent choices and experiment with a wide range of media. Children will be given the opportunity to learn new songs in weekly assemblies, singing practice and class music sessions. Cookery sessions are offered as a way of allowing children chances to work as part of a team and follow set instructions. These very popular lessons are both creative and great fun.

Physical Development

Fine manipulative and gross motor skills are developed daily. Our focus this term is moving with confidence, imagination and safety. In PE sessions, we will continue to use large gym equipment to develop balance, climbing and traveling skills. Fine manipulative play is provided continually with resources such as beads, jigsaws, cutting and sticking offered in a variety of activities.

Some useful information:

Our topic this half term is 'cycling' and we hope to link this with investigations around shape. Please encourage your child to participate in our cycle training as it is an excellent opportunity and one in which many children learn to ride with no prior experience!

If you would like to accompany us during our local trip (Wednesday 4th February) or any future visits, please let us know.

Parents' evenings are:

Tuesday 10th March (3.15-6pm)

Thursday 12th March (6.00-8.30pm)



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Learning makes us smile

