



Reception Autumn Term 2021

Traditional Tales

This half term we will be exploring 'Traditional Tales'. We will share classic stories such as The Gingerbread Man, Goldilocks and the Three Bears, and The Three Little Pigs. These stories help children build their knowledge of story structure and character development, conflict resolution, heroes and villains, and feeds their imaginations.

Phonics

This half term we will be introducing phonics sounds using Read Write Inc to support their learning. We will play blending games which will support their early reading skills. Children will be introduced to new letter sounds each week which they will be able to practice in the environment.

Maths

This term we will be focusing on matching and sorting objects, looking at different groups they belong to and comparing objects to other, looking for similarities and differences. The children will be introduced to early numbers and discovering what each number is made from.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

In Circle Time, the children will be learning to talk about feelings. Sharing social stories and books such as The Colour Monster, we will practise recognising and naming emotions and talk about how they make us feel.

Communication and Language

Through direct teaching, topic-linked work, independent activities and talk inspiring focus points, such as our Curiosity Cube and Talk Table, the children will be given opportunities to learn and practise new vocabulary. They can recreate stories on our stage using props and other items. Children will practise listening and responding to what others say, and to express their own ideas and creativity effectively.

Physical Development

We will begin to develop and strengthen gross and fine motor skills, as well as balance and coordination. Alongside independent access outdoors to physical activities with bikes, scooters, balls, obstacle courses and other equipment, the children will take part in a formal PE activity once a week. Finger Gym challenges will be used to boost hand and finger dexterity for writing, drawing and other hand-to-eye tasks.

Wet Wednesdays

This half term we will be introducing our 'Wet Wednesdays' where the children will be given the opportunity to access learning through large-scale wet and messy activities.

The way a child engages with other people and their environment underpins their learning across all the curriculum areas. We are committed to building these key Characteristics of Effective Learning as solid foundations for the rest of our children's school life and beyond. Big, messy, fun activities give children the chance to learn and explore in exciting, free and playful ways, to spark joy and chatter, to inspire curiosity, to grow confidence and to build perseverance. They give them experiences which enable them to think critically, imaginatively and to problem solve.

Developing these attitudes and skills through Wet Wednesdays will help our children to leave the Foundation Stage into Key Stage 1 with those strong foundations for lifelong learning.