

“How does it work?”

Reception Classes Term 2 2017/18

Physical Development

- * The children will be encouraged to use a range of tools and equipment with increasing control and care, whilst learning how to handle and carry these safely.
- * Regular PE sessions will take place in the hall to encourage their confidence, imagination and co-ordination when moving and travelling in different ways.
- * Children will experience large-scale movement and play using the indoor equipment, outdoor area, trim trail and school grounds and during weekly 'Write, Dance' sessions.
- * The children will practice letter formation using a variety of media such as sand, paint and glitter.
- * We will be encouraging the children to think about how they look after themselves and increase their independence in self-help skills.

Mathematics

- * The children will use numbers and counting in directed class sessions and small group games as well as in their own play activities, using simple recording when appropriate.
- * They will be encouraged to develop their number language and use it appropriately in a variety of situations.
- * The children will be taught to recognise numerals and understand that these represent the number of objects in a group.
- * We will be looking at the early stages of addition and subtraction, adding one or taking away one when singing number songs and rhymes or when playing games.
- * The children will be exploring a variety of shapes in their environment and will be introduced to mathematical names and terms as appropriate.
- * We will continue to use time language through the daily routines of the classroom and school.

R.E.

- * The children will be thinking about what makes a good friend.
- * We will talk about Birthdays and how we celebrate in a variety of ways.
- * As Christmas approaches we shall talk about the birth of Jesus and the Christmas story.

You can help your child by:

- ❖ **Practising phonemes.**
- ❖ **Sharing books.**
- ❖ **Completing some of the set homework tasks.**
- ❖ **Counting up to 10 objects in everyday situations.**
- ❖ **Taking every opportunity to praise your child's achievements - however small they may be!**
- ❖ **Supporting your child to use Purple Mash.**
- ❖ **Taking part in our READ project.**

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- * We will continue to talk about behaviour and rules in the classroom and wider school environment.
- * We will encourage the children's confidence and self-esteem, while developing their independence.
- * Participation and co-operation will be developed through circle-time sessions, class discussions and small group activities.
- * We will talk about friendship and how we show kindness to ourselves and others.

Communication, Language and Literacy

- * The children will be using language to communicate, interact and socialise in a variety of ways.
- * They will continue to listen carefully and express themselves appropriately when contributing to group and class discussions.
- * We shall learn to tell the stories of The 3 Little Pigs and The Christmas story, using story telling hands.
- * We shall be looking at a wide variety of texts, while developing an enjoyment and interest in books.
- * The children will continue to recognise and write their own names.
- * The children will continue to learn phonic sounds through Jolly Phonics and Read Write Inc.
- * We will also begin simple word building using the phonemes we have introduced.
- * Continue to explore syllables and rhyming patterns in words, songs and rhymes

Expressive Arts and Design

- * The children will experience a range of activities such as printing, collage work and painting.
- * We will introduce new skills and techniques with adult support and encourage exploration of various materials and media.
- * We will be singing rhymes and songs, sometimes with instrumental accompaniment. The children will be involved in playing the instruments themselves to help them develop a sense of rhythm and explore how sounds can be changed.
- * Imaginative dance, role-play and story-telling will encourage the children to express and communicate their own ideas.

Understanding the World

- * The children will talk about themselves using their Marvellous Me boxes
- * The children will be exploring how things work with a focus on fireworks, kites, toys, torches and playground equipment.
- * The children will be encouraged to comment on and ask questions about their familiar world, talking about why things happen and how things work.
- * The children will use a variety of programs on the computer and interactive whiteboard to support their learning. They will also learn how to operate simple equipment such as CD players, iPads, interactive whiteboards and digital cameras.
- * During our welly walks the children will go into the local woods, visit local parks and use sticks and other natural materials to make a variety of objects.