

Communication, Language and Literacy

- Children will be encouraged to recognise, find, order the letters and copy or write their names using a variety of mediums.
- The children will be introduced to the Phase 2 phonemes s,a,t,p,i,n,m,d,g,o,c,k,ck,e,u,r,h,b,f,l,
- The children will begin to blend the sounds they know to read simple regular words.
- We will learn tricky words is, I , the.
- The children will be encouraged to listen to and tell stories using a wide selection of books and online resources, promoting their interest in reading.
- The children will be encouraged to talk to each other and the adults within their class, asking questions and sharing information about themselves and their families.
- The children will be encouraged to draw and write for a variety of purposes and will begin to develop their marking making skills.
- To help your children at home you can: share their phonics home learning activities and your child's reading book.

Mathematics

- Our main objective this term will be develop the children's ability to count to 5. We will do this through a range of stories songs and rhymes.
- Children will understand that the counting sequence always remains the same e.g. 1,2,3,4,5, and not 1,4,3,5,2.
- We will develop understanding of counting objects in a group.
- The children will learn that quantities change as we count backwards and forwards using the words increase and decrease.
- We will develop one to one correspondence remembering that each object being counted is given just one number.
- The children will develop the understanding that the quantity is the same whether they have 5 large objects or 5 small objects.,
- To help your children at home you can: ask questions such as 'how many are there?'. 'how do you know?', 'have we got 5 yet?' when counting toys and objects around the house.

Expressive Arts and Design

- The children will be colour mixing and painting, printing using leaves and Autumn fruits, collaging pictures by choosing the appropriate colours and textures for the effect they are creating.
- 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. The children will be encouraged to make their own instruments or find ways to make different sounds with everyday objects.
- The children will use small world eg. the castle and dolls house to tell stories and share their own ideas. Role play will allow the children to express their own ideas and knowledge of everyday life and develop their own storylines.

All About Me!

Reception Classes: Term 1 2022

Physical Development

- Physical development focuses on 2 areas of movement - gross motor (large movements for activities like running and throwing) and fine motor (small/controlled movements for activities like writing and threading)
- We will use the indoor and outdoor environments to develop gross motor skills through games and fun physical activities. These will include hopscotch, obstacle courses, musical statues and many more. The children will be encouraged to come home and teach you their new games to play at home.
- Fine motor skills will be developed through threading, tweezer activities, using playdough, painting, drawing and writing through mark making.

Understanding the World

- The children will talk about how things change over time focusing on how they have changed since they were babies and how their families have changed.
- The children will be exploring their new surroundings and talking about the things they see, looking for obvious similarities and differences.
- The children will be encouraged to comment on and ask questions about the world around them, talking about why things happen and how things work.
- The children will spend time outside exploring the seasons and observing the changes that occur.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- We will begin learning about each other to build positive relationships with each other within the classrooms.
- The children will begin to think about keeping themselves healthy and how they can do this from day to day focusing on cleaning teeth, healthy meals and building positive relationships.
- We will encourage the children's confidence and self-esteem, praising when they have completed a task and tried their best.
- The children's independence skills will develop - putting on their own coats, being encouraged to fasten their own clothing and using the toilet by themselves.
- The children will begin to develop an understanding of mindfulness and learn some calming activities.
- We will talk about why we are all special and how we are the same but different.

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- We will think about why we are special and where we belong.
- The children will learn how babies are welcomed into different religions with a focus on Baptism.