

Physical Development:

This half term, the children will have PE on Thursday mornings. They will learn the basic routines of a PE lesson, including finding a space, stopping on command, using and sharing equipment, and working independently, with a partner and as part of a group. They will also take part in activities that develop fundamental movement skills such as running, jumping and skipping.

During continuous provision, the children will continue to develop their gross and fine motor skills through a range of exciting challenges and practical activities.

Personal, Social & Emotional Development:

This half term, our key texts have been carefully chosen to support the children's emotional development and encourage them to talk about themselves, their feelings and the feelings of others.

Our learning environment also provides opportunities for children to develop their imagination, confidence and social skills through the home corner, role play and small-world play. During PSHE lessons, the children will learn about kindness, consideration and positive relationships, linking closely to our core value of friendship.

Literacy Development:

In Reception, we love sharing books and stories. Through Drawing Club, the children will explore the magical world of stories while developing their vocabulary, imagination, fine motor control and early writing skills. Across the week, they will explore the characters and settings before adding their own ideas and imaginative twists during adventure time.

Phonics teaching will begin during the first full week with Fred Games, which develop oral blending skills. From Week 3, the children will begin learning individual letter sounds. Children who require additional support will receive short, one-to-one "Pinny Time" sessions, and we will share ways you can support their learning at home.

Key Texts:

- All Are Welcome
- The Family Book
- The Colour Monster
- The Colour Monster Goes to School
- The Invisible String
- Super Duper You
- The Family Book
- All About Families



Mathematics:

This half term, the children will develop their early mathematical understanding through practical activities, games and everyday routines.

They will learn to match, sort and compare objects, explore size, length, weight and capacity, and create simple repeating patterns.

The children will also begin to develop a secure understanding of the numbers 1, 2 and 3 through counting, recognising numerals, subitising small amounts and exploring how each number can be made.

Understanding the World:

The children will discuss members of their immediate family and describe people familiar to them. They will explore our school grounds and local area during weekly welly walks and use their senses in hands-on exploration of natural materials. Every other week, the children will take part in a cooking or baking session. These fun, hands-on activities will help them develop practical skills such as chopping safely, mixing ingredients, measuring and following a simple recipe. Cooking will also support their fine motor skills, listening and attention, independence, and understanding of how ingredients change.

Communication & Language:

The children will develop their listening, attention and speaking through stories, songs, rhymes and group discussions. They will practise following instructions, taking turns in conversations and expressing their ideas, feelings and experiences using new vocabulary and increasingly detailed sentences.

Each day, the children will practise familiar nursery rhymes, and each week they will learn a new poem to perform to an audience on Friday. They will also take part in regular circle times, providing further opportunities to develop their confidence, speaking and listening.

Expressive Arts & Design:

This half term, the children will learn a variety of skills to help them express their ideas, including colour mixing, junk modelling and creating artwork using different media. They will use these skills to produce artwork inspired by themselves and their families.

The children will learn to use props and materials imaginatively when role-playing characters and stories.

They will also sing familiar nursery rhymes, perform to an audience and learn to copy simple rhythmic patterns.

Enrichment:

Throughout the year, the children will experience Forest School across the different seasons. This term, sessions will take place on Friday afternoons. The children will explore the natural environment, take part in creative activities and develop important skills, including teamwork, independence and gross motor control.