

Communication and language

We will be focussing on the children achieving their early learning goals. We will be looking at developing the children's ability to make comments about what they have heard and ask questions to clarify their understanding. As well as this we want them to engage in back-and-forth exchanges with their teacher and peers. The children have come so far with their speaking skills and we now want them to express their ideas and feelings about their experiences using full sentences, including use of past, present and future tenses and making use of conjunctions. We will help them to achieve this through modelling, support from adults and display resources in class.

Literacy

Key texts:

Percy the Park Keeper

Stickman

Going on a bear hunt

The children will be retelling the stories, acting it out through role play, instructions and descriptions. We will be encouraging the children to start writing in full sentences using their phonic knowledge to write as many of the sounds that they can hear.

We will also be encouraging the children to use tricky words in their writing with more confidence.

Understanding the world

This half term we will be focusing on the natural world around them. The children will explore the natural world around them, making observations and drawing pictures of animals and plants. Know some similarities and differences between the natural world around them and contrasting environments, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class. Understand some important processes and changes in the natural world around them, including the seasons and changing states of matter (rain, clouds).

Personal Social and Emotional development

This half term we want the children to become confident when trying new activities and show independence, resilience and perseverance in the face of challenge. The children will also be given opportunities to explain the reasons for rules, know right from wrong and try to behave accordingly. We will also continue to help them to manage their own basic hygiene and personal needs, including dressing, going to the toilet and understanding the importance of healthy food choices.

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Summer Term - Class 2 Reception

Physical development

We will give the children lots of opportunities to develop their fine motor skills of hold a pencil effectively in preparation for fluent writing – using the tripod grip in almost all cases. Use a range of small tools, including scissors, paintbrushes and cutlery. Begin to show accuracy and care when drawing.

Maths

Mastering number programme

Counting strategies (counting on and from different starting numbers).

Counting larger amounts of objects.

Counting objects that cannot be moved.

Subitising skills.

Use of spatial language to describe amounts.

Doubling and halving.

Deepening their knowledge of whole amounts.

Representing quantities and amounts.

Using equipment to explain their knowledge.

Parts and whole to decompose amounts.

Use of number tracks and the language more than, fewer than.

R.E - Salvation – What happens in a Church?

This topic is a chance to share knowledge about the church and how Christians use the church to celebrate their faith. The children will use their previous knowledge of going to church at Easter to discuss what Christians do, what they celebrate and major festivals in the year.

Expressive Arts and Design

The children will have lots of activities that give them the opportunity to safely use and explore a variety of materials, tools and techniques, experimenting with colour, design, texture, form and function. They will share their creations, explaining the process they have used. The children will also be able to make use of props and materials when role playing characters in narratives and stories.

Science

In science this half term we are learning to describe the external parts of the human body and all about the basic needs of human beings. We will look at a range of British animals and establish some basic ideas about what constitutes an animal. The children will learn about animals belonging to one of six main groups: birds, fish, amphibians, reptiles, mammals and invertebrates and the names of some common British animals.

Literacy, including reading

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Stickman

Going on a bear hunt

The children will be retelling the stories, developing their descriptive vocabulary and learning about how to use exciting language to describe characters and settings. The children will be writing instructions and using their experiences of our own school forest to influence their writing.

The children will continue to build on their knowledge of phonics to build up their reading skills. This will be through the use of Read Write Ink phonics, guided reading, class books and early morning reading time.

Topic: Geography, Time in the Forest.

This half term the children will be developing their geography skills. Our focus is to use simple fieldwork and observational skills to study the geography of their school and its grounds and the key human and physical features of its surrounding environment. We will be identifying the physical and human features around our school and they will begin to use a simple map to help direct their friends to and then around our school forest. We will also be learning to name the four countries in the UK.

Music

Music this half term is looking at the movement linked to music. The children will add Makaton signs to songs, explore the tempo, rhythm, pitch and movement. They will then share their musical piece with their peers and use their reflective skills to explain what they felt went well with their own and their peers work.

Computing

For computing this half term the children are learning about programming through the use of Bee Bots. They will be learning to programme the Bee Bots to go along **planned routes and learning how to correct any 'bugs' or problems that they come across.**

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PE

In PE this half term the children will be continuing to develop their fine motor and gross motor skills through team games, and sports. We will also be spending time in our school forest which will help to develop their skills in balance and agility.

Maths

White Rose Maths

The summer learning programme covers:
Number and place value,
Multiplication and division
Geometry
Measurement
Money
Time

Art and Design

This half term the children will be learning about how to use watercolour techniques to create a beautiful woodland scene. They will experiment with lots of different techniques and ways of using the paint to create texture, depth and their own expressive style.

Homework, spellings and reading

Homework and Spellings will be given out on a Friday and collected in the following Thursday. Reading books given out on a Monday and returned on a Friday. Sharing books from book corner taken home on a Friday for over the weekend.