



Reception Summer Term 2018

Welcome back after the Easter break. We hope that you all had an enjoyable holiday! We will begin with 'Animals' and lead into 'Growing'. We will use stories as a basis for our Literacy looking at 'Traditional Tales' which will link into experimenting with different construction materials and thinking critically for example, by building the Three Little Pigs houses. Our learning takes place though a mix of adult led and child initiated sessions indoors and outdoors. The children guide our learning wherever possible. Many activities are open-ended to allow the children to develop various 'Characteristics of Effective Learning'.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Through all areas of the curriculum, children will develop their skills surrounding making relationships, self-confidence and awareness and managing their feelings and behaviour. They will develop the confidence to try new activities and will take into account others' ideas.

Communication and Language

Through all areas of the curriculum, children will develop their speaking, listening and attention and understanding skills. They will listen attentively to stories, learn to follow instructions accurately and will learn to express themselves clearly.

Literacy

The children will build upon their sound and word knowledge and will be applying this in their writing. They will continue their word and sentence building work, incorporating accurate letter formation and continue to develop their sentences using their phonic skills and common exception words. Story writing over the summer term will support this development. They will continue to take home reading books following our scheme including both fiction and non-fiction books. Comprehension focus will be developed through the children's independent and class reading.

Mathematics

Children will continue to count reliably with numbers from 1 to 20, place them in order and say which number is one more or one less than a given number. Using quantities and objects, they will add and subtract two single-digit numbers and count on or back to find the answer. They will develop their problem solving skills, including doubling, halving and sharing. This term, they will be introduced to time and distance and will compare quantities and objects. They will develop their mathematical language to describe properties of 3D shapes and apply this knowledge across their learning.

Physical Development

Children receive a taught session of PE each Tuesday but have daily access to our outdoor classroom, allowing their gross motor skills to be refined. The children will also improve their fine motor skills by taking part in daily fine motor activities such as cutting and threading. Please remember to provide your child with a full PE kit.

Understanding the World

Through all areas of the curriculum, especially Topic, children will develop their knowledge of People and Communities, The World and Technology. This term, children will learn about life on the farm, which, will lead into our final topic of Growth. Children will observe the life cycle of a butterfly and discuss the changes they go through themselves as they grow up.

Homework

We will continue to share our learning links with home through learning tasks within their individual homework books, please support your child with the tasks or discussions set and send back to school. Homework will be set on a Friday which can then be returned by the requested date.

Expressive Arts and Design

Within all areas of the curriculum, children will develop their skills by exploring and using different media and materials and by being imaginative. They will represent their own ideas by singing songs, making music, dancing, and experimenting with ways of changing them. They will safely use and explore a variety of materials, tools and techniques, experimenting with colour, design, texture, form and function. RE will be taught through all of our areas, especially PSED.