

Term 2 in Reception!

We are really looking forward to the Christmas term! This term the children will continue to learn new skills to help them with their learning. They will also learn skills which help them work together, cooperate and negotiate with others.

Our topics continue to be based on the children's interests but we will also be learning about specific topics: Light and Dark, Advent and of course Christmas.

Links to the EYFS Curriculum

- Understanding the World: Enjoys joining in with family customs and routines.
- Personal, Social and Emotional Development: Explains own knowledge and understanding and asks appropriate questions of others.

Communication and Language

We will continue to encourage to talk to others during lessons by using Talking Partners. We also use this time to talk about our topics, things the children want to know and sharing our Home/School Books.

- Personal, Social and Emotional Development: Initiates conversation, attends to and takes account of what others say
- Communication and Language: Extends vocabulary, especially by grouping and naming, exploring the meaning and sounds of new words.

The children really enjoy developing their skills in the role-play areas. This term these will become shops to begin learning about money, a cave and a space station to learn about light and dark and we will also use story sacks to encourage story telling.

- Communication and Language: Uses language to imagine and recreate roles and experiences in play situations.
- Being Imaginative: Introduces a storyline or narrative into their play.

Expressive Arts and Design

This term we will use the Creative Area to explore how we can use different skills and techniques to make fireworks, Christmas cards, stockings and much more!

Links to the EYFS Curriculum:

- Experiments to create different textures.
- Understands that different media can be combined to create new effects
- Uses simple tools and techniques competently and appropriately.

In music we will start to learn what different what instruments are called. We will soon begin learning our songs for the Christmas Nativity which we are very excited about.

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Physical Development

The free-flow environment provides children with access to the outdoors where they can develop their physical skills.

Links to the EYFS Curriculum:

- Travels with confidence and skill around, under, over and through balancing and climbing equipment.
- Jumps off an object and lands appropriately.

Our daily Activate prepares children for their learning and improves their co-ordination and concentration skills.

We have started to learn letter formation too!

- Begins to form recognisable letters.

Mathematics

This term we will begin to use our number knowledge to add and take away numbers. We will also explore how to find one more and one less with numbers up to 15.

Links to the EYFS Curriculum:

- In practical activities and discussion, beginning to use the vocabulary involved in adding and subtracting.
- Finds one more or one less from a group of up to five objects, then ten objects.

Through role play we will start to look at money use in shops.

- Beginning to use everyday language related to money.

Literacy

The children listen to a story once a day, if not more! They love changing their story books from the class book box – we hope you are enjoying these at home.

We are well underway with our phonics learning now and the children are doing brilliantly. We are starting to blend the sounds we have learnt to read simple words! The children will be encouraged to do even more mark making and writing this term as they write about their experiences, label pictures and write their letters to Father Christmas!

Links to the EYFS Curriculum:

- Begins to read words and simple sentences.
- Attempts to write short sentences in meaningful contexts
- Links sounds to letters, sounding the letters of the alphabet.

ICT

The children are beginning to use the iPads with more confidence. They will learn mouse control to use a simple program and learn to use the whiteboard to develop their fine motor skills.

PATHS

The children have met Twiggie and are starting to learn about different feelings and emotions. They are really good at giving the Special person compliments too!