

Remember Stay and Sing on Mondays after drop off.

Also any leftover paper, card, recycling, crafty bits would be much appreciated

Literacy

Linking sounds and letters (phonics) to build early reading and writing skills.

The children will be talking about themselves and their families to start their writing/mark-making journey to make a book.

Daily Phonics lessons

Your child will be learning to read using Read Write Inc. RWI helps children learn to read fluently and at speed so they can focus on developing their skills in comprehension, vocabulary and spelling.

Children will learn to

1. Read letters by their sound
2. Blend these sounds into words
3. Read the words in a story

Mathematics

Your child will:

- identify when a set can be subitised and when counting is needed
- subitise different arrangements, both unstructured and structured, including using the Hungarian number frame
- make different arrangements of numbers within 5 and talk about what they can see, to develop their conceptual subitising skills
- spot smaller numbers 'hiding' inside larger numbers

What is subitising? Subitising is the ability to look at a small number of objects and instantly recognise how many there are without needing to count. Recognising dice patterns without counting is subitising!

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Personal, Social and Emotional Development

(PSED):

The children will be encouraged to try new activities and show independence, resilience and perseverance in the face of challenge.

The children will look at the reasons for rules, know right from wrong and try to behave accordingly. To work and play cooperatively with others and to take turns. To form positive attachments in friendships with peers and to show sensitivity to their own and to others' needs.

Communication and Language:

This Term's topic is 'All About Me'. We will be spending lots of time talking with the children about friendships and feelings.

We will look at what we can do to be kind to our friends and the words that we choose.

There will also be lots of discussions around our feelings and what we can do when we feel angry, worried or sad.

We will be validating all feelings.

We will also be talking about families and homes-what makes a family and a home.

Understanding the World:

The children will be looking at some similarities and differences between different religious and cultural communities in this country, drawing on their experiences. This term the children will have the opportunity to explore different celebrations such as Diwali, Christmas, Guru Nanak and Halloween.

Expressive Arts and Design:

The children will look at mixing colours and creating recipes for colours, cooking and playdough.

The children will be learning to independently explore the creative table to create their own work, thinking about the selection of resources and how to manipulate the materials.



Physical Development:

In this terms unit children will be introduced to Physical Education and structured movement through the topic of 'fantasy and adventure'. They will spend time learning basic principles of a PE lesson such as finding space, freezing on command, using and sharing equipment and working individually, with a partner and group. They will take part in activities which will develop fundamental movement skills such as running, jumping, skipping.