

Spring 1 2016 Topics: The world around us/ staying healthy and safe

Here is an outline of the work that your child will be covering in Reception Class this half term. A weekly overview will be displayed on the

Prime Areas

Communication and Language

Children will have the opportunity to develop their listening, attention and speaking skills through 'show and tell'. We will be explaining to children why it is important to pay attention when somebody is speaking. We will encourage imaginative speech in our role play areas and provide daily listening and speaking opportunities during our learning review time. Children can explore story sparkers and cultural chatter bags where they can talk about objects and make up stories to voice their ideas.

Physical Development

We will continue our Kinetic Letter programme, modelling and encouraging correct pencil grip and letter formation. Children will have the opportunity to explore their different body parts, performing rolls and travelling in different ways during PE sessions. We will explore balance through gymnastics and dance sessions will be delivered by a coach. Children will be making a healthy breakfast and personal hygiene will be encouraged through regular hand washing. The school nurse and a dentist will visit school to take about keeping healthy.

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

We will be reminding children of Reception class rules when they return after Christmas and talking about why it is important to have boundaries. Children will be able to set their own goals and talk about how they can achieve them. We will encourage children to develop persistence and resilience to keep going and bounce back after difficulties. Circle times will explore children's ideas and they will have the opportunity to express their preferences and opinions.

Specific Areas

Literacy

We will be introducing reading buddies where children will be paired with an older pupil to practice their book. Our weekly visits to the library will continue and we will be putting pictures of children in our reading garden to encourage a love for reading. Children will be taught letter names and we will be doing lots of writing activities around themed texts.

Mathematics

Children will begin to record their maths work by writing numbers and tally charts. We will be exploring measures in Math's lessons where children can weigh and measure the length and height of objects. Children will be encouraged to use everyday language to talk about time and the properties of objects. During child initiated learning, children will be able to access games involving numbers, counting and problem solving.

Understanding of the World

We will be asking children to reflect on and talk about their family Christmas celebrations. Children will explore the mud kitchen, a range of outdoor activities and different technology such as laptops, cameras and netbooks. Children can explore and discuss everyday technology and what it is used for on our supermarket trip. We will be examining seasonal changes during winter and learning about different celebrations; Chinese New Year, Shrove Tuesday and Valentine's Day.

Expressive Arts & Design

Children will be able to combine different media to discuss texture and explore their imagination through poems, stories, paintings and music. We will have a health centre/Chinese restaurant role play area indoors and a winter wonderland outdoors. Children can develop stories and act out roles to explore their imagination. Children can explore different cultures through music and art.