

Our theme for Autumn 1 is:

Overview

Our first Topic will reflect the children's interests and what makes them unique individuals. We will be exploring what is important to us, our families and our new school. We will read stories as a class that encourage the children to express their own experiences and to compare these experiences to those of other cultures.

Communication and language

Through child initiated learning, circle times, singing songs, telling stories and group work, we will be developing our communication and language skills. We will be asking each other questions about our families, pets, homes and experiences which will further develop these skills and increase our confidence to share our ideas, needs and feelings with adults and peers within our class.

Understanding the world

We will be exploring who we are and what makes us unique. We will be exploring the similarities and differences of different cultures and families. We will look at how we looked before, how we look now and what we might look like in the future. We will also be discussing and exploring our different senses and physical attributes. We will be making observations of the natural world around us, using our sense, including observing the changing seasons.

English

As a class we will be exploring a range of stories in all areas of our learning. We will be practicing familiar and unfamiliar sounds and using these to develop our blending and segmentation skills. We will be completing lots of alliteration and rhyming activities and the children will be encouraged to explore our key texts independently using a range of props and resources. We will also begin to learn our set 1 sounds in our daily phonics lessons.



Physical development

We will begin PE lessons this half term and our focus will be on movement, working together and using space. We will be developing our fine motor skills with daily 'funky finger' activities and Doh Disco. We will also be exploring health and what keeps us healthy. The children will also be learning how to handle tools, objects and equipment with safety and increased control, including scissors and pencils for writing.

Expressive arts and design

We will be learning a range of songs and rhymes as a class. The children will be encouraged to explore the role play and creative areas both inside and outside. We will be introduced to a wide variety of materials and learn how to use these safely and independently.

Maths

At the beginning of the term we will be learning key times of the day, class routines and exploring our continuous provision inside and outside the classroom. We will be using positional language when exploring our classroom. We will be matching and sorting objects, numbers and pictures into groups. We will also be finding, building and representing numbers 1-3, then moving onto comparing groups of numbers. We will be exploring counting and numerals within our child initiated activities both inside and outside. We will also sing lots of songs with numbers.

Personal, social and emotional development

We will be participating in lots of activities that involve taking turns, asking questions, sharing and working cooperatively with one another. We will be learning to independently select and use our own resources. We will be participating in circle time and discussions, exploring feelings, relationships and values.