



Curriculum Newsletter - Spring 1 Term 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back, we really hope you all had a wonderful Christmas break and were able to spend time with loved ones. The children have made an excellent start back to their learning. This term our topic is 'Around the World', this encompasses learning about different countries and cultures as well as thinking about how we look after our planet. We look forward to sharing our learning with you through tapestry and assemblies.

Best wishes, EYFS team

Key skills we are practising this half term:

1. Doing up our coat zips/buttons independently;
2. Changing for PE and organising our clothes;
3. Being responsible for our resources; 'choose it, use it and put it away'

Personal Social & Emotional Development

We use SCARF resources to support our PSED learning. This half term we are exploring 'Keeping Safe.

Moving towards Easter, our RE focus will be about the celebration of Easter and what it means to different people.

We have our dinosaur learners who help us think about how we learn. The dinosaurs are linked to the Characteristics of Effective Learning listed above. We have Explorosaur, who is resourceful and curious; Tryasaur, who is resilient and perseveres and Thinkosaur, who is reflective and great at problem solving.

Communication, Language and Literacy

We have daily Read, Write, Inc phonics lessons to learn new sounds, practise Fred Talk (oral blending), blending to read and writing words using Fred Fingers to help us spell.

Through our new Drawing Club, each week we will be focusing on a different text and will be learning higher level vocabulary from the book and making actions to go with the new words to aid our memory. Reading materials include: Room on the Broom, Goldilocks, Handa's Surprise, Lost and Found and Three Little Pigs.

Physical Development

In PE lessons this term, the children will develop and apply their dynamic balance on a line and stance through focussed thematic stories, songs and games.

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Mathematics

This half term children will be focusing on their numbers 1-5 ensuring that they are secure in the knowledge of how to make these numbers and subitise. We will also be exploring measurement of mass, capacity, height, length and time. They are encouraged to talk about what they notice, how they have solved problems and make links with other areas of learning.

Creative Development and Understanding of the World

Children will be looking at the art work of Henri Rousseau and will be creating their own jungle art as inspired by his work. They will also make links with Maths to help design houses for different size animals.

We will be thinking about the world around us and what we can do to look after the planet, focusing on reduce, reuse and recycle.