

Communication & Language

The children will be building on their communication and language skills through a variety of exciting circle times, games, activities, outdoor play and exploration of our environments. They will be learning how to use express their point of view, debate, use words and actions to express meaning. They will be exploring language through role play, storytelling, reading corners inside and outside the classroom. Children will have lots of opportunities to explore how they tell stories and build understanding on how stories are structured. They will do this through making Story Sticks, going on Listening Walks and participating Story Square activities. We will be sharing lots of rhymes and songs too.

Physical Development

The children will have the opportunity to become increasingly independent with self-help and independent skills. They will develop their fine motor skills from a range of activities. They will be using big movements in our explorative play outside, hunting for minibeasts and making marks with big tools. They will be drawing, constructing and building dens outside. Our PE lessons this half term will focus on athletics.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

The children will be learning how to develop their sense of responsibility and membership of our school community, through learning how to share, share emotions, take turns, take care of our resources, share experiences with others and resolve conflicts independently. They will be exploring outdoor reading, train journey role plays, eating healthily, looking after our bodies and taking care of plants and animals.

Key dates:

Trip to Church Farm:
Friday 17th May

Drama4All workshop:
Thursday 23rd May

Reception/F2

Summer 1 2024

Planning Overview

Theme:

Fairy tales

Expressive Arts and Design

The children will be joining in with songs, rhymes from Charanga, using musical instruments and performing songs to express their feelings. We will be painting in the outdoors, building a home for The 3 Little Pigs, building a beanstalk for Jack to climb and making a range of different collages. We will also be junk modelling to create different things from our stories.

Literacy

The children will be exploring lots of exciting fairytales this term, including; Jack and the Beanstalk, The 3 Little Pigs and the Gingerbread man. We will be writing traditional tale sentences and instruction sentences. We will also be creating story maps and writing in our 'Bean Diary'.

Our Literacy Counts book this half term is The Extraordinary Gardener by Samantha Boughton. The acclaimed book from British author and illustrator teaches children about the importance of nature and the joy of following our dreams.

Maths

The children will explore the counting sequence and consider strategies for counting larger numbers of objects. They will also revisit the concept of cardinality. The children will continue to develop their subitising skills, focusing on more complex arrangements. They will also revisit the composition of numbers up to 15. The children will also use the language more than, less than and equal to, to compare numbers. We will also look at halving and sharing numbers, mass, volume and capacity, money, data and solving word problems.

Understanding the World

The children have some exciting experiences this half term, including a trip to Church Farm where we will see, hold and feed animals and also enjoy a tractor ride. We will be thinking carefully about respect and care of our environments. We will be looking at different materials in relation to The Gingerbread Man story. We will also be exploring growing through the story Jack and the Beanstalk.

R.E

Our topic this term is New Life. We will learn about the resurrection of Jesus.