

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 explore using a comfortable grip when using a pencil/pen or other mark-making tool, showing a preference for a dominant hand. 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.

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 and share experiences with others. They will be exploring outdoor reading, train journey role plays, eating healthily and taking care of plants and animals.

Key Dates:

Church Farm Trip - May
2024

Nursery/F1

Summer 1 2024

Planning Overview

Themes:

Ticket to Ride and
Marvellous Mini Beasts

Expressive Arts and Design

The children will be joining in with songs, rhymes and games relating to Mini Beasts, Summer and Journeys. They will be able to play instruments with increasing control to express their feelings and ideas. We will be painting in the outdoors, building Mini Beasts habitats, making natural paintbrushes, printing and playing sound and rhythm games.

Literacy

The children will be exploring lots of exciting fiction and non-fiction books this term, including; The Train Ride, The Naughty Bus, Aaaarrgghh Spider! and Yucky Worms. We will be creating information booklets about Mini Beasts, creating exciting outdoor role play areas relating to stories we are reading, spotting initial sounds in our environment and joining in with phonics games. We will continue to practice name writing and purposeful mark making.

There will be lots of opportunities to share stories that the children have chosen.

Maths

Children will practice describing a sequence of events, using words like 'first' and 'then'. To do this, we will be baking and gardening, explaining our actions as we do this. Children will be exploring 2D and 3D shapes, using tally charts, exploring capacities through water play, making comparisons and describing features of objects. We will be taking part in lots of fun activities including; making shapes using natural materials, number hunting, making maps and making numbers.

Understanding the World

The children will have lots of exciting experiences this half term, including a trip to Raby House farm to see cows and crops growing. We will also have a visit from Animals Take Over to explore Mini Beasts and some animals. The children will explore new language and new facts through these experiences. We will be thinking carefully about respect and care of our environments.

R.E In R.E, the children will be learning about the themes of; The Resurrection, Jesus appears to Thomas, The Seasons, Flowers for Mary and Children crown Mary.