

Communication and language

The children will be encouraged to join in with circle times as they talk about themes such as their likes and dislikes and what makes them special. There will be lots of emphasis on listening to stories and sharing books. The children will re-tell and make up their own stories using puppets, props and costumes as part of the Talk 4 Writing programme.

Literacy - Reading and Writing

Daily sharing and reading of quality story books and traditional tales such as 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff', 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' and 'Little Red Riding Hood'. We will also have a daily phonics session, following Oxford Reading Tree's 'Floppy's Phonics' programme. The children will be encouraged to put meaning to the marks they make as they draw, write and paint, as well as writing their names and some other simple familiar words, if ready to.

Expressive Art and Design

The children will draw, paint and collage pictures of themselves and their families. They will develop their imagination and role play skills in the home corner/doctor's surgery and through small world and puppet play. They will learn songs about 'the body' and explore the sounds they can make with different instruments and with their own bodies.

Mathematics - Number, Shape, Space and Measure

Throughout this term we will be developing the children's ability to count, recognise and order numbers 0-10 and beyond. We will also be introducing the vocabulary involved in adding and taking away through practical activities and discussion. The children will develop an interest in the names of shapes, their characteristics and sizes as they use shapes to make pictures and models. They will identify shapes in the environment as we go on a shape search walk.

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Our topic this term is 'Magical Me'. The children will have lots of opportunities to find out about themselves and how everyone is special! We will be looking at traditional tales, some 'with a twist', as we also explore how to keep our bodies fit and healthy. **The children's interests will also be used to inform the direction which our topic takes.**

Understanding the World - The World, People and Communities and Technology

The children will be encouraged to share their family experiences with the class during circle times. The children will explore similarities and differences in relation to each other and their families and what makes them unique. The children will make maps linked to traditional tales we share e.g. the woods in 'Little Red Riding Hood'. The children will investigate and develop their IT skills using the ipads, laptops, CD players, and cameras.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

At the start of term the emphasis will be on encouraging the children to play together and to develop friendships. They will be helped to settle into the daily routines and supported to become happy and confident in their new class/school. The children will be encouraged to express their feelings and to respect the feelings of the other children and adults.

Physical Development

Small equipment such as pegboards and threading, dough gym, scissors and pencil control activities will be used to develop the children's fine motor skills. In our PE sessions we will work on getting undressed and dressed independently and improving the children's throwing and catching skills using balls, bean bags, etc. The stories 'Keep Running, Gingerbread Man' and 'Give us a smile, Cinderella' will be used as a starting point for learning about how we can stay healthy.

How you can help

Share books and stories regularly and ask your child questions about what you have read. Help your child learn their sounds and tricky words when these are sent home. Practise tracing or writing their name, showing them the correct letter formation. Help your child learn to count, recognise and order numbers to ten and beyond.

Thank you