

Physical Development

A range of activities, including dough disco will be used to develop the children's fine motor control. They will be encouraged to hold their pencil correctly/effectively. During our PE sessions with Mrs Welsh, we will continue becoming even more independent when dressing and undressing. Our lessons will focus on developing overall body strength, co-ordination and agility whilst learning how to throw, kick and pass a ball. Linking with work from other areas, the children will think about ways of staying healthy and incorporate exercise and healthy eating into our routine.

Communication and Language

There will be continued emphasis on listening to both fiction and non-fiction books. The children will continue to retell, change and make up their own stories using puppets; props and costumes (Talk for Writing and Talk for Reading). Topic work will be used to introduce new technical vocabulary, develop the children's questioning skills and observation skills.

Understanding the World

By growing their own plants and creating their own garden, the children will develop their knowledge about plants. Our investigations will focus on what seeds are and the role they play in the lifecycle of a plant in addition to the conditions a plant needs to grow successfully. We will keep a seed diary to record what happens as it grows; chop seeds open to see what's inside and try some different fruits and vegetables. Our 'Harmony' theme this half term is 'Interdependence'. The children will learn about animal life cycles and how things in nature rely upon each other.

Mathematics – Number, Shape, Space and Measure

Throughout this term, we will continue to develop the children's ability to count, recognise, order and write numbers 0-20 confidently and visit the numbers beyond.

They will continue to use language of addition and subtraction through practical activities and discussion and will explore the concepts of 1 more and 1 less, doubles and odd and even. The children will learn about measure including capacity. There will be endless opportunities in our maths area as well as using our water play and messy play to explore mathematics creatively.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

The children will continue to develop their friendships through play, sharing and taking turns. They will explore what being a good friend means through our topic stories and learn how to negotiate and work through different situations. The children will also explore the different jobs they do within their family and the different groups of people they belong to. They will know how to help themselves and others when they feel upset and hurt. We will continue to follow the Jigsaw PSHE and mindfulness programme.

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'Sowing and Growing'

Our topic this term is 'Sowing and Growing'. We are going to roll our sleeves up and use stories such as 'Errol's Garden' and 'The Tiny Little Seed' to help us learn all about plants and lifecycles. As well as completing activities focused on what plants need to grow, we will also explore the diversity of our local area. The children's Interests will continue to shape the direction our learning takes within this topic.

Literacy – Reading and Writing

Daily sharing and reading of quality story books such as 'Errol's Garden, A fruit is a Suitcase for Seeds', 'Jasper's Beanstalk', and 'Jack and The Beanstalk'. Our daily phonics sessions will continue, following the Floppy's Phonics programme. The children will be encouraged to write and read their own sentences using some tricky words. They will have the opportunity to write for different purposes e.g. Instructions (how to grow a plant).

Expressive Art and Design

The children will draw, paint and create collages of flowers and plants. They will make their own observational drawings of seeds, focusing on colours and patterns. In the outside area they will use a variety of seeds to create their own transient art. The children will be encouraged to discuss what they like and dislike as well as explaining why. The children will also have a wonderful messy time when they explore what happens when you mix different colours together. As a class they will learn several songs and use musical instruments to accompany their singing.

How you can help

Please share books and stories regularly and ask your child questions about what you have read using the Reading Gems in their diary. Help your child learn their sounds and tricky words. Practise tracing or writing their name, showing them the correct letter formation. Help your child learn to count, recognise and order numbers to 10 and beyond.

Thank you for your support,
Mrs Welsh.