

Expressive Arts & Design

During this term the children will create lots of artwork linked to their topics. They will create their own animal and insect pictures, under the sea art and self portraits too!

They also will enjoy lots of role play in their changing role play area. They will enjoy a home corner, hairdressers, police station, garden centre, cinema and airport!

The children will learn new songs and come up with actions to help them. They will also create some music to accompany them, using the musical instruments.

Physical Development

This half term the children will be focusing on negotiating space safely, following instructions, performing simple balances and working with a partner, as part our Move with Max Sports Program. This will all be themed around the story, 'Tiny Whale'

The main P.E. lessons, with Mr King, will be focussed on manipulation and coordination.

Understanding the World

This term we will be learning about life cycles and investigating the animals from the different stories we read in class. We will discover the life cycle of a butterfly, as we watch our very own caterpillars grow. We will also look at how we grow and how plants and animals also grow.

We will look at important events such as St George's Day and Father's Day and discuss why the events are so important.

We will also explore the change in season and what that means for the weather and the clothes that we might wear.

Mathematics


This term, we will be learning to become familiar with numbers beyond 10 and the pattern of numbers to 20 and beyond. The children will become familiar with larger numbers from daily routines such as counting children or the days in the month. The children will be encouraged to work with numbers beyond 10, to play games that involve counting on and back. The children will also be consolidating their knowledge of 2D and 3D shapes by naming them and talking about the shapes properties.

Religious Education

This term the children will begin learning about Easter and the Resurrection of Jesus and Pentecost. As May is the month of Mary, we will also be learning about Our Lady, The Mother of Jesus too. We will be sequencing the Story of Easter and the Resurrection of Jesus, and label the Easter candle. We will learn to label emotions and say how Jesus' disciples and other friends felt during different times and events in the stories..

The children will also learn about the sacrament of Baptism and the importance of being welcomed into Jesus' family through Baptism.

The children will finish the term looking at the prayer topic focusing on the different prayers that we say and why they are important.

Summer Reception-  Term
Summer 1 - How do things grow?
Summer 2—What's in the water?

Reading

The children will continue to bring home a reading book that matches their phonic ability. Please spend time reading with your child, everyday, or as often as possible. Also, ask your child some questions about the story so you can check how well they understand what they read. This will help your child with their comprehension skills. Please talk about what unfamiliar words mean too.

We will be reading several books each day, but this term we will particularly focus on; Jasper's Beanstalk, The Very Hungry Caterpillar, The Tiny Seed, Tiddler, The Rainbow Fish and The Snail and the Whale.

Writing

This term the children will begin to write in full sentences, ensuring they are using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops in every sentence they write. We are focusing on caption writing and writing what they can see in the picture.

The children will continue to learn a new sound each day and focus on writing the corresponding letter or letters. The children will learn a new 'red' word each week and will be encouraged to write it too. They will need to remember these are 'red' words are to be read by sight. This term the children will also have a handwriting focus each week to practise in class.

Communication & Language

This half-term, the children will focus on their ability to share their thoughts and ideas. They will be encouraged to talk about their likes and dislikes, and will be encouraged to ask questions.

The children will be introduced to some social skills scenarios and will be encouraged to talk about good choices and positive friendship. We will talk about what these friendships look and feel like.

We will be encouraging the children to follow one and two part instructions and understand and use positional language.

The children will also be acting out familiar stories and continue to develop and role play storylines in their own play.



Spring Term

Reception-SSMJ

Summer 1 - How do things grow?

Summer 2—What's in the water?

Phonics

This term the children will continue to learn set 1 and set 2 sounds.

They will learn 'special friends' where two letters make one sound. We will be focussing on recognising these sounds within words when we read and hearing them in the words we want to write.

The children will also continue to learn 'red' words that do not follow our phonics' 'rules'. The children are taught that they 'can't fred a red!'

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

This term, the children will work hard on building their relationships with one another and understand the importance of self regulation. This is taught through our 'My Happy Mind' scheme and focusing on understanding our own feelings and those of others.