



What your child will be learning this term.
If you would like more detail please talk to your child's class teacher.



Communication and Language

To coincide with our Jigsaw focus within relationships, we will be looking at ways in which we communicate within the classroom environment. We will be spending time sharing our planning ideas for our junk model buildings that we are making within our Expressive Arts and Design learning, taking the time to listen to each other and give positive feedback our peers. We will be looking at deepening our understanding of social cues to suggest how someone is feeling, and will have opportunities to communicate lots of ideas that we may have in both in small groups and in whole class settings. We will also be doing a weekly whole class Lego Club, which will help us continue to develop key communication and language skills.

Personal Social and Emotional Development:

During RSHE lessons, we will be looking at 'Relationships' as part of our Jigsaw learning. We will be looking at what family and friendship means to us, and we will be focusing on ways to help each other. We will also be looking at ways in which we can resolve disagreements within our friendships, whilst considering others feelings, and what it means to be a good friend to those around us. This links into our RE inquiry question, which is 'what makes every single person unique and precious?'

Physical Development

In PE we will be learning a range of different games that focus on building strength, speed, agility and balance. The games we will learn are using different equipment such as rackets and balls. Our external PE coach will be teaching Morris Dancing, where the children will focus on rhythmic stepping and following choreography. We will also have the chance to create our own games with a friend, which will encourage team work and listening skills.

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Journeys



Literacy

In Literacy we have now moved on to follow 'The Literacy Tree', where we will be using 'writing roots'. We will still use elements of the Drawing Club ethos in our writing, but the writing roots will be used to help us structure our writing. The first writing root that we will be looking at focuses around 'The Magic Paintbrush' by Julia Donaldson. Within our 'Journeys' topic, we will look at a range of texts and think of words to describe the places the characters visit in those texts, and how they get there.

This half term we are looking at developing independence in our writing, using our phonetic skills and knowledge to build sentences.

Mathematics

In Maths we will continue to follow NCTEM Maths Mastery. We will be consolidating our counting skills by counting to larger numbers and developing a wider range of counting strategies. We will be looking in depth at numbers to 10, by comparing quantities and sets of numbers within 10. We will be learning when counting, rather than subitising is needed for identifying larger numbers, and we will be developing our conceptual subitising skills to help us use a rekenrek.

Understanding the World

In this topic we will be developing our geographical skills by looking at the local area. We will go on welly walks to see what our local area is like, and then we will look at how it compares to other areas both here in the UK and abroad. We will be also looking at basic map skills and positional language, and will have a go at programming and directing Beebots to move to their chosen destinations. We continue to observe seasonal changes as we move from spring to summer. We have lots of celebrations to look forward to within our Understanding the World topic this half term, including Earth Day and Elmer Day.

Expressive Arts and Design

We will continue to explore a range of artistic techniques within our creative time, this term with an emphasis on the stages of planning, making and evaluating our work. We will be designing and making creations from junk modelling, which will allow us to explore a range of materials, and help develop independence and creativity. We will be celebrating Earth Day this half term, so we will talk about the importance of recycling and how we can create new things out of items that are thrown away every day. A focus on sustainably and taking care of the planet will be a key theme within our arts and crafts this half term.