

Expressive Arts and Design

The children will be developing their understanding that different media can be combined to create new effects.

Throughout the half term, they will:

- Create firework art inspired by the art of Jackson Pollock.
- Create a collaborative poppy inspired project.
- Create lots of festive art work and Christmas craft.

Communication and Language

The children will have a wealth of opportunities to develop listening skills; expressing their opinions using more complex sentences.

Welcome to the Foundation Stage

During the year your child will grow in confidence, whilst developing their independence and personal skills through a play based approach to learning. The FS staff are committed to providing the very best opportunities for each child and we ensure that they are happy about coming to school and excited about learning new skills and knowledge.

Partnerships with Parents

Please support us in helping your child to consolidate what they have been learning about in school by looking at the Foundation Stage Blog for weekly updates. If you have any questions regarding your child's learning and development or progress, please either contact the office or speak to Miss Forbes

Teachers: Miss Forbes **Teaching Assistants:** Miss Radburn, Mrs Soutter and Mrs Baskerville

Celebrate Good Times...

Literacy

The children will continue to have a daily Read Write Inc. phonics input where they will learn new sounds, develop correct letter formation, learn how to hear the sounds in words by breaking them down into individual sounds (e.g. cat - c-a-t) and then practise putting sounds together to read simple words (e.g. c-a-t-cat). The children are still at a stage where giving meaning to the marks they make is very important. Some children are now hearing and writing initial sounds and some will be learning to write simple words with their phonic knowledge. The children will be exposed to range of texts to develop an awareness of why we write and who we write for. It is important for children to learn, from an early age, that words on a page have a purpose.

Mathematics

The children will participate in adult led activities, where they will be introduced to new concepts and skills through practical activities. The children will also be taking part in independent maths activities to support, consolidate and build upon what they have been introduced to during adult led activities. During the Autumn term the children will be, counting, sorting and comparing groups, understand one less and one more and develop an awareness of time by exploring routines.

Key Information



- School gates open at 8.35 am with registration at 9am. The school day ends at 3.15pm.
- If your child is ill, please call the office by 9.00am on each day of the absence.
- The children are encouraged to bring a named bottle of water into school each day.
- Please ensure each piece of your child's uniform has their name clearly labelled.
- The children are encouraged to take responsibility for their uniform and belongings when in school.
- Please ensure your child has a jumper and a coat in school every day.
- Long hair should be tied back.

Understanding the World

During Autumn 2nd, the children will explore and develop an awareness of Diwali, welcome their class rabbit, learn about the Christmas story and how Christmas is celebrated around the world.

Physical Development

Children will develop their gross and fine motor skills when learning how to throw and catch. Children take part in daily activities which aim to develop strength in their body and control with their fine motor skills.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

The children will continue to focus on developing and maintaining friendships. A big focus this term is supporting the children to develop a growth mind-set. Children will take part in adult led sessions to develop an understanding of what this is and then supported when applying it day to day.