



Team: Foundation Stage

Term: Spring 1 2023

Overview of this Term

During this term, the children will be jetting off on an incredible adventure around the world and into space! They will be learning about the countries of Italy, Nigeria, China through stories, art, food, dance. The children will also be exploring Outer Space and learning about the planets, space travel and what it is like to be an astronaut.

Communication and Language

This term, the children will be encouraged to use more complex sentences, follow complex instructions and articulate their ideas with less prompting and support. National Story Telling Week is 28th January - 5th February and the children will have the opportunity to orally retell stories.

Physical Development

Our PE lessons this term will be focused on developing the children's skills in dance. The children will be learning to express and communicate ideas through movement and explore using different directions and levels. In class, they will be developing their fine motor skills through playing with playdough, 'funky fingers' activities, mark making and letter formation activities.

Partnerships with Parents

If you have any questions regarding your child's learning and development or progress, please either contact the office via email or arrange a time with Mrs Bergmann or Mrs Soutter. Arranging a time is important, as it means that we can fully engage in a conversation with you.



We are Explorers



Literacy

The children have a daily Read Write Inc. phonics input where they will learn new sounds and develop the correct letter formation. Children will learn how to segment (hear the sounds in words) by breaking them down into individual sounds (e.g. cat - c-a-t) and then practise blending (putting sounds together) to read simple words (e.g. c-a-t-cat). The children will also be taking part in adult-led Literacy activities where children will be encouraged to write letters, words and short phrases by applying their phonic knowledge.



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 Spring term, children will be learning about the numbers 6,7, and 8. In our Measures units, we will be learning to compare capacity and mass and measure and compare height, length and time.



Key Information



- Your child must 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.
- PE lessons are on Friday. Please could your child come to school dressed in PE kit and suitable footwear.
- Your child's books are changed weekly. Please see the front of their reading log for their changeover day.

Understanding the World

In Science we will be learning about push and pull forces and studying how our Amaryllis plant grows and changes. We will continue to learn about the changing seasons and explore how materials change when we make pizza! We will be learning about other countries through images, video clips, shared texts and other resources and comparing life there to life in the UK. We will be finding out about different celebrations including New Year and the Lunar New Year.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

During the Spring term, the children will be learning about setting goals. We will discuss times when they have had to persevere and think about how they could encourage others with kind words. Together we will complete activities which build on the concept of a growth mind-set.

Expressive Arts and Design

Children will have daily opportunities to express themselves creatively. During free-flow time they will be able to choose from a variety of resources such as paint, junk modelling, collage and drawing materials. This term, the children will be creating mosaics, learning how to weave and will be making instruments. The children also have access to a home corner, where we encourage them to act out familiar experiences through role-play. We will be continuing to develop our repertoire of nursery rhymes and learning the songs.