

Literacy

This term we will continue our RWI phonics programme. The children will be taught the sounds and how to blend and segment words for reading and writing. The children will also read a range of fiction stories and will be encouraged to talk about different characters and settings within them. This term the children will write labels and begin to write simple sentences. Each class has a free writing area that the children are encouraged to use daily and children are continually encouraged to write within our role play and outside areas. As the topic continues and we move closer to Christmas the children will read a range of different non-fiction books to find information about festivals and celebrations, learning how to use the contents and index page.

Communication and Language

The children will be encouraged to use a range of new vocabulary related to their learning. They will be expected to follow instructions involving more than three steps and answer questions about their experiences. They will also be encouraged to express their ideas confidently in groups and during whole class situations (e.g. during Magic Moments sessions and PSHE sessions).

Maths

In maths children will continue to develop their understanding of numerals and counting with specific focus on gaining a deeper understanding of the numbers 1 to 5. The children will continue to develop their knowledge of the properties of 2D and will also use a range of vocabulary linked to positional language. As we approach Christmas, we will be carrying out lots of fun Christmas maths activities to consolidate what the children have learnt over this first term in EYFS.

Starry Night



Physical Development

In P.E. children will be learning to travel confidently in a range of different ways and will learn about a number of different invasion games. They will also be encouraged to use spatial awareness to move safely and follow instructions whilst developing ball skills. There will be opportunities for lots of outdoor play using bikes, trikes, scooters and other outdoor apparatus. Children will be encouraged to become more independent with dressing themselves, for example putting on jumpers, coats and fastening zips. We will also be using various tools and materials (scissors, tweezers etc) to develop fine motor skills. Through snack times the children will be reminded about the importance of hygiene and eating healthily.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Children will be encouraged to listen to others and take turns during discussions and group work. Whole class and group games will reinforce the importance of playing fairly and sharing resources. We will continue to use the Jigsaw PSHE scheme which focuses this term on Celebrating Difference.

Understanding the World

This half term we will be learning about what happens when we are asleep thinking about different jobs people do at night as well as nocturnal animals. We will be talking about why it is dark at night as well as our bedtime routine and the importance of brushing our teeth before we go to sleep. We will also be learning about the moon and space journeys. Later in this half term, children will be learning about a range of different celebrations and festivals from around the world. They will talk about their own family celebrations and learn about the traditions of Diwali and explore how Christians celebrate Christmas and all about the Christmas story.

Expressive Arts and Design

The children will develop their imagination through role-play areas, puppet shows and small-world play. We will be creating observation owl drawings as well as making light and dark pictures using collage, paint and drawing materials. The children will explore musical instruments and experiment making different sounds as well as learning a selection of songs.