

Communication and Language

We are looking at three poems this term as part of the Poetry Basket, a scheme we follow to learn simple, catchy poems: Five Little Peas, I have a Little Frog and If I were so small.

We will continue to focus on following more complex instructions, as well as talking in full sentences during class discussions.

We will be exploring questions and how to ask a question. We will also be working on being able to make predictions about text and describing story events in detail.

Physical Development

The theme for PE is Olympics and the children will practise a range of skills, using some small equipment. They will be learning how to throw, run and jump in a range of different ways. Children's learning will be linked to a range of Olympic sports. In our gardening sessions we will be propagating, planting, weeding and digging. Fine motor skills are being practiced in the provision and we will focus on correct letter formation when writing, in order to clearly communicate meaning.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Our Jigsaw topic this half term will be Relationships, primarily focusing on how to be a good friend to others.

We will also be continuing to challenge ourselves by taking greater control of our own learning in the provision.

Mathematics

We will continue to follow the White Rose Maths programme this term. We will be exploring numbers beyond 10, manipulating and matching 2D shapes and working on mathematical skills such as addition and subtraction. Subitising and number bonds are going to be a key aspect to everyday learning and we will be sharing information on how to support this at home.

Animals, Insects and Growing Tall

Expressive Arts and Design

We will be continuing to use different media and materials to create. Our role play area will be turned in to a builder shed to accompany our new outdoor construction area, then a flower shop later in the term.

Understanding the World

We are continuing to look at the seasons and observing our plants growing. We will be working in the allotment and in our garden.

At the end of term, we will celebrate Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee and spend some time learning about our royal family. Everyone has had a Special Day so we will start these again as it is important for them to talk about their families and community.

Literacy

These are our core texts this term, there are also additional stories available to read depending on their interests and topic but these are the core literacy texts this term:

The Very Hungry Caterpillar

Oi Frog!

Yucky Worm and Non-fiction texts

Little Elizabeth, The Queen's Hat and Our Queen Elizabeth

Additional Class Story Time books:

The Ugly Duckling, Sonya's Chickens, Anna Hibiscus

Phonics

We will be continuing our daily Read, Write Inc. phonics sessions. Children were assessed last half term and have been put in the group that best matches their level for them to develop their reading.

Writing

The classroom now has a bigger writing area to continue to build on their writing skills and stamina. Children are encouraged to use their own phonetical knowledge to spell their words, then build them into sentences both orally and written.

Key Dates

Tuesdays: P.E. Day

Thursdays: Gardening and Cooking

Tuesday 17th May 2022 – Class photos

Friday 27th May – Jubilee party (more information to follow closer to the time)

Friday 27th May is the last day of term.