

RECEPTION CURRICULUM HIGHLIGHTS



COMMUNICATION AND LANGUAGE

The children will engage in lots of speaking and listening activities across the day. We will use lots of topic based stories, rhymes and songs to engage the children in purposeful activities related to topic based stories as well as following specific interests. The planned stories we will share and teach from are; Wrong!, Owl Babies, My Monster and Me, The Koala who Could, Handa's Hen, Peace at Last, The Little Red Hen and Pumpkin Soup. These stories may change based on interests.



PERSONAL, SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Children will begin to show an awareness of their own feelings and begin to regulate accordingly. They will focus on activities and engage appropriately – following rules and routines that are embedded throughout the setting. We use colour monsters, coloured spoons and books to support this.



MATHEMATICS

In maths we will focus on a number a week (to 6 as this point). As part of this weekly focus, we will:

- Count reliably with numbers from 1 to 6, recognise numerals 1-6, count by saying one number name for each item, count objects or actions which cannot be moved, select the correct numeral to represent 1 to 6 objects.
- Begin to subitise values of 1 to 3 in regular formats.

Key Skills

We will practise the following key skills, counting forwards and backwards, numberbonds within 5, 1:1 correspondence, Number Formation.



UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD

Throughout Autumn term in geography, children will explore the school environment, look closely at different homes and explore Evenwood and where it is on a map. We will explore and experience seasonal changes as we move from summer into autumn. Throughout Autumn term in history, children will explore change and the concept of the past by reflecting on how they have changed since they were babies and how adults in their lives have changed. We will mark Black History Month by recognising and celebrating the lives of some significant individuals from the past. In Science we will learn about the human body including naming parts, exploring change, dental hygiene and healthy eating. We will enjoy a space themed week linked to World Space Week (4th-10th October). Also, This half term in R.E., children will learn how Harvest is celebrated in the church. We will visit the church as part of this and to take part in Harvest celebrations. We will explore how harvest is celebrated around the world.



LITERACY

We will develop early reading and writing skills in Literacy by following a 'story each week'. This story will teach the children specific vocabulary which they can then be encouraged to use throughout the day. In addition to this, we will begin our Little Wandle phonics program where the children will learn 4 new sounds per week, building up to be able to blend these new sounds in words to learn to read. The children will also follow a handwriting scheme called Kinetic Letters, learning how to form letter shapes and perfecting their name writing.



PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

Children will participate in a Motorskills program four times a week and a 'Move with Max' PE lesson once a week, in addition to dough gym and 'Sticky Kids' movement activities. They will use a range of outdoor equipment, ride on bikes and scooters, climb, throw and catch and developing spatial awareness. We will be moving energetically whilst demonstrating strength, balance and coordination.



EXPRESSIVE ARTS AND DESIGN

Throughout Autumn term in art, children will be focusing on printing. We will print with a range of medias including objects, body parts and fruits and vegetables.

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We will enjoy cooking. We will cook with apples from the school trees as well as gingerbread men, bread and harvest inspired soup.

Music

The children will be working with the music specialist teacher from Durham Music Services.