

Personal, social & emotional development

We will be establishing the routines and expectations of behaviour associated with school. The children will be encouraged to develop independence and decision making skills. We introduce them to our Values. We will be aiming to build their confidence and self-esteem. We will be encouraging them to be polite, caring and helpful to others.

Expressive Arts & Design

The children will be painting with a variety of implements, mixing paint and producing collaborative pictures and collages and making their own models. They will be learning some raps and a variety of songs. Within Exciting Times they will be making Christmas pictures, and learning songs and musical accompaniments for our Christmas Concert.

Literacy

We will be sharing Nursery Rhymes, Traditional Tales and familiar stories. We will be observing and assessing the children to decide which reading book they should start with. The children will be encouraged to try emergent and independent writing. We will be developing their awareness of rhyme. The children will begin to learn about letters and the sounds they make using the Jolly Phonics and Letters and Sounds schemes.

Physical Development

The children will use the outdoor classroom to climb and build, to manipulate equipment safely, to ride bikes and scooters. PE day is **Friday**. The children will be dressing and undressing themselves, which doesn't leave a lot of time for PE! However in the time we have we will be developing awareness of space, themselves and others. Please make sure your child has a named PE kit of shorts and T-shirt in school all the time. We will send it home at the end of each half term. They will also be encouraged to develop fine motor skills in our early morning 'Finger Learning' activities and by cutting, sticking, drawing, construction and free play with malleable materials.

Communication & Language

We will be encouraging the children to tell their news and share information with the class; to listen carefully to each other and to respond appropriately; to follow instructions; to retell stories; to talk about what they think may be happening in a story by looking at pictures; to express themselves and to explore new vocabulary.

Understanding the World

Our Topics will be All About Me for the first half-term and Exciting Times for the second half-term. Within Me and My Stories the children will be exploring materials, becoming familiar with their new environment, learning about the cycle of the seasons and Autumn and Harvest, making objects using cutting, sticking and folding techniques, learning about computers and using some of our simple programs – all linked to familiar stories. Within Exciting Times they will be learning about colour, light/dark, festivals such as Diwali, Bonfire night and Christmas, learning about codes of behaviour in the computer suite and using the keyboard.



Languages

The children will be learning how to say hello and goodbye in French. We will be encouraging your children to use these greetings at the beginning and end of the day. The children will learn some simple classroom instructions.

Maths

We will follow the statutory framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage and will be covering Counting, Number recognition, Addition, Subtraction, Pattern, Measures, Shape and Problem Solving.

Enrichment (trips, visitors, events)

Harvest Festival, Anti-bullying Week, Road Safety Week, a Carol Concert at St Nicholas Church and performing a Christmas nativity.