

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

Our SEAL theme this half term is '**Good to be Me**' We will have regular circle times where we will talk about our feelings, and why and how they lead us to behave the way we do.

We will talk about ourselves in a positive way and know that it is good to be ourselves. We will also begin to understand how to stand up for ourselves and our views.

Please let us know if any issues arise that we may need to address in our circle times.

Literacy

This half term we will be using our topic to encourage and inspire children to mark make and write regularly. For example, we will be creating speech bubbles, and story maps to retell stories, and writing labels, lists and letters inspired by the story of Paddington.

Our phonics sessions will continue developing children's early listening skills (Nursery) and our Reception children will continue to develop their knowledge of letters (graphemes) and sounds (phonemes) enabling them to read and write simple words, captions and sentences.

Understanding the World

Throughout the year the children will be learning to use technology for different purposes. This half term we will be using simple computer software to type simple labels, and draw images.

Inspired by our One picture we will talk about different types of families and homes, and begin to understand that every family is different but are all special.

As Easter approaches we will talk about who celebrates Easter and look at the variety of activities and traditions that are carried out by different families during this time.

Communication & Language

In Foundation, we will be reading stories and non-fiction books which relate to our topics, such as Lost and Found, The Emperors Egg, Paddington Bear, Peepo.

We will learn lots of new vocabulary associated with our topic and begin to use these new words in our discussions and our play.

There will be lots of role-play and small world opportunities for the children to explore and engage with. These will help to develop the children's spoken language as they take on a character or develop a narrative sequence in their play.

Spring 2 in Foundation Class

Curriculum Overview

We will begin the half term by finishing our '**Polar Lands**' topic before beginning our whole school topic of '**One Picture**'. During our topics, the children will participate in a range of activities which promote learning and development across all areas of the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum.

Here are some ways in which you can support your child's learning at home:

- Complete and return your child's learning log
- Support your child to recognise and write their name.
- Look for numbers in the environment and practise recognising and writing numbers to 10 and then to 20.
- Share stories and books with your child.
- Reception parents
 - read your child's reading book at least twice a week.
 - practice reading and spelling words on your child's phonics cards.

Physical Development

This half term the Reception children will continue to participate in gymnastics lessons. They will develop their skills in travelling, balancing, jumping and rolling.

The Nursery children will take part in gross motor skills sessions where they will practice travelling and climbing so that they are able to move with confidence and skill around, under and over obstacles.

We will also develop understanding of the need for safety when tackling new challenges, and begin to consider and manage some risks independently.

Mathematics

This half term the children will continue to develop their understanding of number.

We will be finding one more and one less than a number, finding the total number in two groups and begin to use language of addition. The children will be encouraged to record their mathematical thinking and findings in their own way.

In addition to this, we will be naming, finding and talking about 3D shapes, and using them to build and create patterns.

We will also talk about time and begin to order and sequence a series of events.

Expressive Arts and Design

The children will be encouraged to explore the range of different resources and media available in the Painting and Workshop Areas. Together we will be looking at developing specific skills, this half term we will be designing and making a boat, which we will then test to see if it floats.

The children will continue to attend whole school singing sessions led by the Calderdale Music Trust (Tuesday) to supplement our weekly music lessons in class, in which we will be understanding the role of a conductor and using instruments compose our own rhythms.