



DPA Half Termly Curriculum Overview Autumn 1 2018

Year Group: Reception Topic: Ourselves

Communication, language and Literacy

We start off by developing your child's listening skills and develop their attention and concentration span in small groups and whole class situations. We learn to listen to each other and the adults and become more able to follow directions and respond to simple instructions. We will also spend time in our key groups developing your child's speaking skills so they gain confidence in speaking aloud. We will be singing lots of songs and rhymes.

Understanding the World

Our topic is Ourselves and in particular about what makes us special. We focus on your child's family and community and encourage them to share their own experiences about significant events and describe special times or events we've had with family and friends. We will be celebrating the festival of Diwali.

Physical Development

We will do threading, sorting, building, etc to allow children to work with small tools and objects with increasing accuracy. Your child will have continuous access to the outdoor area, digging pit, balance apparatus, wheeled toys and equipment which require coordination.

PSED

As your child has just started school we will focus heavily on this area of learning. Your child will do activities which help them make friendships in order for them to initiate play and respond to others appropriately as well as demonstrating friendly behaviour, starting conversations and forming good relationships with peers and familiar adults. We will develop your child's confidence in their environment so they can select and use activities and resources and become confident to talk to other children when playing, and be able to communicate freely about home and their community. We will also learn to take turns and share resources and become familiar with the rules, routines and boundaries set in school.

Useful Websites

www.oxfordowl.co.uk

www.starfall.com
kidstv123 (you tube)

Mathematics

The first few weeks we will be getting to know your child's mathematical ability and then we will focus on numbers. We will observe your child using number names accurately in play, recite number names in order and recognise the numerals. We will also focus on counting accurately when we count a group of objects and things which we can't move (claps, jumps etc). There will also be plenty of opportunity for number songs.

Creative Development

We have lots of ongoing creative work throughout the topic and lots of opportunities for free choice creations. We will be focusing on self-portraits and we will use pastels, paints, water colours and collage to do pictures of ourselves.

Homework/Trips

We would encourage you to spend time with your child exploring a variety of books reading and talking about the pictures. It is also important spends time singing nursery rhymes and simple counting songs.