



Reception

Topic
Bears

Autumn 1
2018

Areas of Learning



Literacy

Our books this half-term will be based around bears:

- Goldilocks and the Three Bears
- This is the Bear
- Peace at last
- Can't You sleep Little Bear
- We're Going on a Bear Hunt
- The Bear in the Cave
- Brown Bear, Brown Bear

Children will bring home their first reading book this half-term and they will begin to develop the skills they need to become a reader.

In phonics, they will be learning new letters and sounds and will be developing the skills needed to sound out and blend letters to make words with two and three letters.

Children will also be starting to write sentences, make labels and posters.

Maths Development

In Maths, children will be continuing their work on number recognition and counting which they started in the nursery. They will also be adding two groups of objects together and comparing groups of objects.

As part of Goldilocks and the Three Bears, children will be learning about size and height. They will also take part in activities linked to 2D shape and will be making a teddy bear/their own choice of picture using shapes.

Understanding of the world

Children will be finding out about old and new teddy bears and will also be learning about the different types of real bears. At the end of our topic we will be having a teddy bears picnic and children will be helping to choose and make the different types of food. They will be exploring textures and will have access to an investigation area where they will be able to touch and describe the feel of a range of objects.

Children will use the computer and smartboard to play games and activities

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This half-term, children will be settling into their new class and getting to know the new rules and routines at the main school. Children will have regular circle time activities where they will develop their self-confidence and self-awareness skills and start to talk about things they are good at. Children will be assigned a key worker who will work with a small group of children during circle time activities.

Physical Development

Children will be developing a range of large and fine motor skills this half-term. They will begin daily fine motor sessions to develop their handwriting, letter formation and name writing skills. They will also use a range of tools and equipment when making

collages and models linked to our topic. Children will have daily access to outdoor play and PE sessions twice a week. One session will be taken by the Salford Sports Development Team and their theme this half term is Mini Batters.

liked to the bear topic and our maths topics.

Communication and Language

As part of our topic on bears, children will be orally retelling and acting out a range of bear stories including *Goldilocks and the Three Bears* and *We're Going on a Bear Hunt*. To develop children's speaking and listening skills, they will take part in a weekly diary time session. During this session, they will be able to share their news about what they have done at the weekend. Each key worker group will have a special bear and each weekend one child from each group will be chosen to take home the bear and fill in a diary which they can share with the class in school.

Expressive Arts and Design

Children will get creative and make a range of models and collages around the bear theme. They will be making bear masks, paintings of their favourite bear from home and bear puppets. They will be learning new songs and rhymes linked to the topic and will have the opportunity to explore a range of musical instruments. Children will be encouraged to develop their imaginative skills through role play in our three bears' house!

As with all topics, we also take into account the children's interests and will plan activities around things they show a real interest in. We always like to know what your child likes to do, so please feel free to let us know!