

Let's get digging!

Welcome back! We hope you had a lovely Christmas break. This term we will be busy digging and exploring what's underneath the ground and what we can build on top. We will be encouraging the children to think about their world and share their ideas.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will be thinking about our feelings and emotions and how we can acknowledge and manage these daily. We will be sharing ideas on how to look out for our peers and build friendships. We will also be doing lots of work on turn taking.



Physical Development

We will be developing our fine and gross motor skills to build the muscles in our fingers. We will do this through daily 'Funky Finger' sessions. In our weekly PE lessons, we will be learning co-ordination skills and techniques to move around the area showing spatial awareness.

Communication and Language

We will be developing our language skills by holding daily conversations with both adults and peers. We will also be having a word of the week to further develop our vocabulary. We will be using this vocabulary to recall stories and events whilst sharing our thoughts.



Understanding the World

We will be exploring the world of construction and discussing the buildings in the area we live. We will also be learning about life underground and growth. We will be discussing the creatures we might find and how to grow and look after plants.

Mathematics

We will be teaching children to recognise numbers to 20 and become confident counting to 20. We will also be revisiting 2D shapes and learning the names and properties of 3D shapes.

We will be teaching the children to become familiar with measure and the different ways in which we can do this (size, weight, capacity). Towards the end of term we will be revisiting less and more and learning how to add and subtract numbers.

Literacy

We will be using the Jolly Phonics actions and songs to teach the Phase 3 digraph sounds and Phase 2/3 tricky words. We will be encouraging the children to use their robot arms to segment the sounds in words to be able to support their blending for reading and writing. We will continue to teach the children how to use their phonic knowledge to begin writing a simple sentence. We will be learning the skills of segmenting and blending for reading and writing. Our key texts this term are 'The Three Little Pigs' and 'Yucky Worms'. We will use these texts to write wanted posters, find facts and learn the story with actions.

Expressive Arts and Design

The children will have fun using the junk modelling and a variety of materials to create their very own house! They will be exploring how to change and mix colours to create an intended effect. The children will also be having a weekly music session where they will learn new songs and become familiar with rhythms.