

Communication and language

We will be concentrating on listening carefully to instructions as well as answering who, what, when and where questions.

As the children play and talk about stories they have listened to, they will be encouraged to speak in sentences.

There will be opportunities to learn new words, which the children will then, hopefully use as they explore and learn.

Physical development

In PE we will be focusing on the fundamental skills of running, jumping, hopping, catching and throwing. This is the lesson when the children will get changed into their PE kits.

There will be lots of finger gym too! This is when we will improve the strength in our fingers and develop our pencil grip. We aim for the children to hold their pencils using a tripod grip.

We also enjoy practising using a brush to paint with and scissors to cut out.

Personal, social and emotional development

We want to make sure that all the children quickly settle into Reception and feel confident and happy in school. There are new rules to learn and routines to follow. We concentrate on developing relationships and encouraging the children to talk about how they are feeling. We begin with what makes them feel happy and sad.

Reception
Autumn 1
It's good to be me!



Literacy

All children love listening to stories. We have some really good ones in Reception including 'The Meanies' and 'Hairy Bear' which we all love to join in with.

Every day we will have a phonics session. We begin with Phase One of Letter and Sounds. There are lots of lovely games to play to develop the children's rhyming, alliteration and oral blending and segmenting skills. It is always lots of fun. Having a 'have a go' attitude when it comes to writing is so important. We want the children to be happy to mark make in their play and have the confidence to talk about what they have written.

Mathematics

The children will be rote counting to 10 from different numbers as well as from 10 back to number 1.

The focus for number formation, counting of objects, addition and subtraction will be to 5. We will also be developing the skill of subitising to 5. This is recognising small amounts without counting them.

We will also be learning about shapes in the environment and using them to make pictures.

Understanding the world

It is all about the children this half term - What they like to do, their families as well as where they live.

The children will be using their senses to find out about the world around them. They will also be learning about autumn and planting bulbs in the garden.

In RE the children will be learning how and why different religions celebrate.

Expressive arts and design

The children will draw a picture of themselves and paint a picture for our wall. There is always lots of singing in our class! We will also be finding the pulse and clapping the rhythm to the music.

There is a home corner where the children can bring their own experiences into their play.