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Communication and Language/ Literacy	Mathematics	Personal, Social and Emotional Development	Understanding the World	Physical Development	Expressive Arts and Design
<p>This term we will begin reading and writing through the teaching of phonics, introducing single letter sounds. The children will learn the sounds and actions for each letter of the alphabet. The letters are in a specific order to help the children read common words. The first sounds the children will be learning are: 's,a,t,p,i,n'. We have a daily story time, where children will be listening to stories. We will encourage children to sequence stories into the correct order and also answer simple questions based on what has been read.</p>	<p>This term all activities will be based around the concept of numbers as labels for counting, calculating, and shape, space and measure. We will focus on accurately counting small groups of objects to 20. We will begin to compare amounts, using vocabulary such as more, less and the same. Working on recognising digits to 10 and placing them in order from smallest to largest. Children will use 2d shapes to create patterns and pictures, learning to name and describe them using their properties.</p>	<p>We will develop children's social and emotional skills by providing lots of activities requiring sharing, turn-taking and cooperation. To engage in circle time where they talk about themselves and their feelings; to discuss rules and routines and ways to stay healthy.</p>	<p>We will encourage children to investigate their surroundings and materials around them using all their senses. They will take part in a tasting session, and play games involving their senses such as 'guess the sound' or 'pass the feely bag'. They will take part in simple experiments including how to keep our hands clean. Children will think about their homes and their local area to give them a sense of geography.</p>	<p>During our PE sessions we will be learning to move with confidence in a number of different ways such as jumping, hopping, running and skipping. Fine motor skills will be developed by lacing and sewing activities, cutting and sticking and using one handed equipment such as paintbrushes and pencils.</p>	<p>Expressive Arts and Design includes activities such as drawing, painting, making things, cooking, role play, music and dance. In this first half term we will explore hand and foot printing; make collage pictures which encourage exploration of the senses; make puppets for stories we have read.</p>

Homework

During this half-term we will issue your child with their first reading book. Most children will be initially given books without words. These help to develop your child's comprehension skills. A reading record book will accompany the reading book and we ask you to fill this in each night when reading their book with them. We use these records too, and will record when we have read with your child in school.

PE Days

PE this half-term will be on Tuesday's and Thursday's. Please ensure that your child comes to school dressed in their full PE kits on this day. We will also be taking part in physical activities during our break times, such as aerobics, skipping and using our outdoor climbing equipment.

If anyone has any questions or queries regarding the above please do not hesitate to contact us.

The Reception Team