

Foundation Stage Flyer

Spring 1 2014



Personal Social and Emotional Development

We have new starters in the Nursery and will be doing our level best to help them settle in. The older children in the class will be working on starting conversations with the new children and being a good friend. The new starters will be exploring their new environment, seeking out help and support from both new friends and teachers.

We will be learning about the importance of night time and sleeping through our topic "Light and Dark" and will be reading and working on "Can't you sleep little bear?" Our large role play area will be a dark bear cave which the children will be able to explore using torches.

During Chinese new year, we will spend a week looking at Chinese culture which will include a cooking demonstration and making our own Chinese food to try.

Communication and Language

We will be using instruments to create sound effects for stories and playing listening games to help distinguish between sounds. Rhyming games and stories will also be looked at this term, concentrating mainly on hearing and recognising rhyming words.

We will also encourage speech within social times such as "choose time" or "snack time". This is to build up confidence with speech and speaking in small groups. We also encourage the use of "please" and "thankyou" during all areas of Nursery.

Useful websites:

www.lettersandsounds.co.uk (phase 2 games) www.phonicsplay.co.uk/

Physical Development

During this term Nursery will be learning Gymnastic basic skills through PE lessons in the hall. Those skills include freezing in a particular position or shape to create a "photograph" and tightening muscles to create body tension. We will also recognise and work on different parts of the body.

In the outdoor area the Seahorses have access to climbing equipment and bikes to help with balance and agility, as well as a range of other toys for physical development.

Literacy

In Literacy we will be concentrating on pencil control through colouring in pictures, tracing, chalk pictures, drawing in the sand and many other activities. We will work on going in an anti-clockwise directions when drawing/painting. This is in preparation for writing letters and numbers with correct formation.

Instrumental listening games and distinguishing between sounds is something we will work on in the Seahorse class as it is an early reading skill.



Understanding the World

During this term we will be looking at the effects of "Light and Dark". To do this we will have the bear cave to explore, finding new objects every day/week. We will also be making and experimenting with shadow puppets and how shadows are made.

By reading the Funny Bones stories we will link into the importance of staying healthy, in particular the importance of bones and what we need to do to keep them strong.

www.schooltube.com/video/bacc80ab8ec120db940f

During Chinese New Year we will be looking at the country in more detail, finding out about the flag, where it is and the Chinese culture.

Mathematics

We are going to become confident with counting and recognising numbers to 3 or 5 accurately and consistently. To do this we will use bears from our story books to count and arrange in order.

In the role play kitchen, during adult guided sessions, we will count and sort things in the area. We will be working out how many place settings are needed for dinner etc.

In the dark bear cave will be hidden numbers and objects for the children to find, count and record.

www.topmarks.co.uk/learning-to-count/underwater-counting



Expressive Arts and Design

The bear cave will provide a stimulating environment for role playing and imagination. We will also re-create "We're Going on a Bear Hunt" story outdoors to help with vocabulary and imaginative play.

We shall be using play dough to make skeletons which links into other areas of the curriculum and making cotton bud pictures/winter pictures using a variety of different materials.

www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/Paintinggame