



Foundation Stage Curriculum Forecast

Spring 1st half

Below is an indication of the learning your child will be doing this half term, along with ideas for helping at home. There will be an initial Weather Watch focus, looking at Antarctica to begin with. This will include learning about weather symbols, and different parts of the world that are hot and cold.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Our learning this term will focus on understanding ourselves as learners. We will be thinking about how we can challenge ourselves, try something a different way if we don't at first succeed, and to help each other and work as a team in order to solve simple problems.

Communication and Language

This term we are encouraging children to speak clearly and using clear sentences with interesting vocabulary. There will also be a focus on listening to others and responding appropriately.

Physical Development

Our focus is on dance for this first half term. We will be thinking about fast and slow movements and the effect they have on our dance. We will also be incorporating our gymnastics skills of moving in different ways and at different levels.

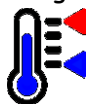
Literacy

As part of our phonic work we will continue to learn the phonemes and graphemes: j, v, w, x, y, z, qu, ch, sh, th. Some of us will be extending our learning and may also progress to learn ee and oo. We will continue to practise reading and spelling tricky and high frequency words.

As writers we will be using a range of genre including lists, labels and writing simple sentences. We will be encouraging children to use their clear speaking skills to help them organise their writing. We will look at both information and story texts.

Mathematics

Our mathematics this half term is very much incorporated into our topic work. We will be comparing weights, and thinking about how these affect what we can carry or pull; we will be using number from our weather observations (temperature, wind speed and rainfall) to compare numbers. We hope to secure our knowledge of numbers to at least 20. As part of our work on shape space and measure we will also be looking at time, beginning to read o'clock times.





Understanding the World

This forms a large part of our learning this half term, using geography aspects, history and science. We will be looking at melting and freezing, sinking and floating and the water cycle.

We will be learning about places in the world, and the types of lives people have there.

We will be using our ICT skills as part of our everyday learning, and incorporating it into our art work, learning how to use a range of tools as part of a paint program.

Expressive Arts and Design

This half term we will be looking at using a variety of media in our art pieces. We will be using chalks and pastels, collage and other materials. We will also be doing some clay work. Children will be learning how we can change the effect of our work by using these different materials.

Ways to help at home

- Let your child look at the weather forecast with you
- Discuss which places are hotter or colder
- Encourage your child to speak in clear sentences

Other information:

PE will continue to be on Fridays.

Library books will be changed on Fridays.

Home activities will be changed on Thursdays.

Please read each day with your child.