



Nursery

Spring Term 2

February- March 2024

Physical Development

The children will continue to taking part in daily Squiggle or Dough Disco sessions. In addition we will be starting a Ball Skills unit in PE. Children will develop their ball skills through the topic of 'minibeasts'. We will focus on fundamental ball skills such as rolling and receiving a ball, throwing to a target, bouncing and catching, dribbling with feet and kicking a ball. Children will be given opportunities to work independently and with a partner.

Religious Education

Our Branch this half term is 'Desert to Garden'. During this unit, the children will learn about Lent, Holy Week and Easter and the religious signs of these seasons.

Lent: the colour purple, ashes, seeds, growing

Holy Week: palms, the cross

Easter: the colour white, growth, Easter garden, symbols of new life

They will explore the key events of Holy Week, especially Good Friday and Easter Sunday. They will learn that Jesus died on a cross on Good Friday and rose again on Easter Sunday. Easter is a celebration that Jesus is with us still and also celebrates new life.

Mathematics

In our Maths sessions this half term will be learning all about numbers 1-4. We will be focusing on:

- Counting to 1, 2, 3 and 4 (touching to count each object one at a time)
- Recognising the amount in a group without counting (subitising)
- Matching quantities to numerals
- Showing 1, 2, 3 and 4 in different ways – such as on fingers or on a 5 frame.
- Looking at shapes with 1, 2, 3 and 4 sides.

Expressive Arts and Design

This half term children will be encouraged to select the tools and techniques they need to assemble and join materials that they are using.

We will be taking part in a range of activities to celebrate Mother's Day and then later on in the term to celebrate Easter. The children will be given lots of resources and opportunities to encourage them to be creative and come up with their own ideas.

The children will also be creating artwork linked to our understanding the world topic 'lifecycles'.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Our 'My Happy Mind' topic this half term will be 'Relate'.

We will be focusing on our listening skills and why these are important. During this topic we will be focusing on three key areas; how to develop good listening skills, the importance of listening to others and what we can learn when we listen to others.

Communication and Language

This half term children will continue to partake in a range of activities directly linked to their stage of development within Communication and Language. We will be focusing on using some story language as we learn and repeat our key texts for the term.

We will also be starting a 'big question' of the day during snack time which will encourage children to ponder on a question and discuss their thoughts with their friends and teachers in Nursery. This will be supported by our HappyMinds topic and developing our listening skills.

Literacy

Children will spend time daily listening to and sharing a wide range of stories, rhymes and songs. This will develop their vocabulary, spark their imaginations and develop their life-long love of reading. Our key texts this half term will be; The Very Hungry Caterpillar, What the Ladybird Heard and Incy Wincy Spider.

We will be promoting a wide range of mark making opportunities which will encourage children to draw pictures, write their names and give meaning to the marks that they make. We will also be continuing with our daily squiggle whilst you wiggle sessions which develops both gross motor and pre writing skills. In our phonics sessions the children will be focusing on rhyming and alliteration. These are skills that can also be practised and developed at home.

Understanding the World

This half term the children will be learning all about different lifecycles. This will include the life cycle of a butterfly, a frog, a sunflower and a chicken. The children will be learning about how these animals/plants change through the different stages of their life and how this is a repeating cycle which continues over and over again.

As part of this topic the children will be doing lots of practical learning such as planting a sunflower seed and watching our class caterpillars grow and change before releasing them as butterflies.

Thank you for your continued support.
Miss Pinnington, Miss Price & Mrs Fisher