



**Reception
Autumn 2
November- December 2023**

Communication & Language

This half term the children will continue to develop their listening skills. They will learn new vocabulary and practice using it throughout the day. They will use talk in a variety of contexts and will be encouraged to articulate their ideas in well- formed sentences. They will be encouraged to use vocabulary to describe events in detail.

Physical Development

The children will continue to develop their overall body strength, co-ordination, balance and agility. They will begin to combine different movements with ease and fluency. They will develop their ball skills using a range of different sized balls. They will continue to develop their fine motor skills and handwriting, forming letters correctly.

Mathematics

This half term we will continue to explore numbers to 5. The children will explore number bonds to 5 and will learn and understand 1 more than and 1 less than. We will then move onto explore numbers to 10. We will focus on the children's ability to recognise, represent and manipulate numbers to 10. We will also explore positional language

Understanding the World

The children will begin to make sense of their own life story and family history. They will use all their senses in hands on exploration of a range of materials. They will be introduced to new vocabulary and a wide range of books. They will be encouraged to talk about what they see using recently this new vocab. They will continue to look at the changing seasons.

Music

Children will learn new song, poems and rhymes every week. They will explore the range and capabilities of their voices through vocal play. They will develop a sense of beat by performing actions to music. They will enjoy moving freely and expressively to music. They will have experience of playing simple percussion instruments and will perform for others.

Personal & Social Development

The children will learn about their feelings and the feelings of others. They will learn strategies to help them identify and moderate their own feelings both socially and emotionally. They will be encouraged to develop their resilience and problem- solving skills. We will be using a range of stories and role play to support this work as well as encouraging the children to talk through how to resolve a problem or difficulty.

Literacy

This half term our main text is 'Family and Me' by Michaela Dias-Hayes. The children will be exposed to a wide variety of quality texts and poems. The children will be developing their writing skills and will be encouraged to write simple words and phrases. The children will continue to follow the Read Write Inc programme and will be reading sound blending books they will also have the opportunity to choose a library book each week, during our weekly 'Story time' session.

Religious Education – To Know You More Clearly

Branch 2: Prophecy and Promise
The children will hear: about how Mary was going to have a baby and call him Jesus. Jesus was born in Bethlehem and the shepherds hurried to see Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus. The children will learn about and celebrate 'Advent' as a time to get ready for Christmas

Expressive Arts & Design

The children will explore, use and refine a variety of artistic effects to express their ideas and feelings. They will learn different techniques for joining materials together and will have the opportunity to work collaboratively, sharing ideas, resources and skills. They will engage in imaginary play using a range of resources and develop a story line in their play.

Homework

The children will bring home their letter cards, please practice these on a regular basis, using both the picture and letter side of the card.

Handwriting practice and maths homework will be set each week. Homework will be given out on a Friday and should be completed by the following Wednesday.

Thank you for your support.
Miss Turner & Mrs Lacey