

Personal Social and Emotional Development

We understand that starting school may be a really exciting time for some but for others it may be a difficult one! We will work with you and your child to do all that we can to make this a positive experience so that in time we will see them beginning to increase their confidence when speaking to adults about their needs, wants and opinions and building new friendships. Each day the children will be reminded of the appropriate classroom behaviour and we will especially be focusing on the need to share. The school value we will be looking at this term is Courage as we try new experiences and make new friends.

Reception Overview

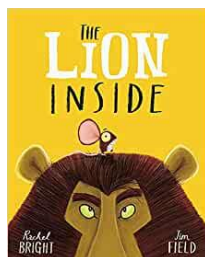
Autumn Term 1

Understanding the World

The children will be experiencing and taking part in a variety of celebrations this term. These include Bonfire Night, Diwali, Harvest and Christmas. We will be talking about cultures and traditions along with discussing the similarities and differences between ourselves and others. We do not set specific topics but follow the interests of the children whilst inspiring new interests through experiences we will offer them. If you have a skill you would like to offer please come and say and we can discuss how we can use this within our environment.

Communication and Language

We will be developing the children's concentration skills and working with them to maintain attention during carpet and group learning times. We will be having several daily class 'Pow-Wow' sessions where the children can discuss and listen to the ideas of others whilst learning a new skill. These skills will also be evident during the children's rolling snack. Stories, songs and poems will be a daily part of the school day. We will be learning new vocabulary and taking part in school assemblies and Harvest Festival.



Courage



Literacy

Phonics sessions will be an important part of our weekly timetable. The children will be introduced to letter sounds in a fun and playful way. They will be encouraged to become aware of the sounds around them and to develop their listening skills. Alongside hearing sounds, the children will be writing these sounds as we focus on letter formation. Writing opportunities are provided through out the provision to encourage application of this skill. The children will be encouraged to read and enjoy books together. Class stories and shared texts will allow the children will listen and discuss a variety of books.

Physical Development

Wednesday's PE sessions will be a time where we will be exploring our bodies and the different ways of moving. Our focus for this term will be on balancing and co-ordination. The children will be exploring balancing on one leg, hopping, side stepping and galloping. The children will be utilising fine motor skills and be encouraged to write on a daily basis in a range of ways. We will be working with them to begin to write their names, sounds, words and to hold a pencil correctly. In order to encourage their writing skills, there will also be a lot of activities to encourage the use of their fine motor skills such as threading, using tweezers, buttons and playdough.

Maths

The children will learn and practise patterns whilst sorting and matching. We will begin to look at numbers to 10 by writing, counting, making number bonds, exploring and ordering. We will look at 2D shapes, finding them in our environment and looking at their various properties.

Expressive Art and Design

Our role play area will change regularly following our interests and the children will be given the opportunity to assist with this. In this area the children will be given the opportunity to take on a variety of roles and act out narratives with their friends. We will be creating individual and collaborative art work using a range of materials and techniques. The children will be encouraged to select the correct colour for a purpose and create simple representations of people, events and objects.