



Curriculum Overview



Autumn Term

Reception

Communication and Language



The children will have daily opportunities to develop and extend their speaking and listening skills. They will be encouraged to use their topic related knowledge and vocabulary in linked role play and talk for writing activities.

We will embed Kagan skills of working in pairs and developing the confidence to share ideas with each other and working together as a class to listen to each other and respect others when they are speaking by being a good listener.

In listening and attention activities, the children will be encouraged to discriminate between different sounds they hear in their environment both indoors and outdoors.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development



Children will learn the expectations of school life. They will have opportunities to understand simple rules and practise following them in every day contexts. In addition, children will explore the theme 'being me in my world' using the PSHE Jigsaws scheme.

We will encourage the children to access and use resources with confidence. They will have the experience of feeling responsibility in having simple jobs around the classroom. We will explore different emotions and learn to accept the feelings of others as we develop turn taking and sharing skills. The children will also remember to follow classroom rules without reminders and know that this is to keep a safe and happy classroom.

Literacy



The children will learn to link sounds to the letters when reading and writing in their daily phonics sessions. They will be able to write their own name.

They will engage in story time every day and will begin to talk about books they have enjoyed. Learning how to look after the books in our class library and develop their skills of prediction and sequencing using role play to develop our understanding.



Religious Education

Using the 'learning and growing as the people of god' strategy, the children will begin to explore our Catholic faith. Our first unit is about God's creations, where we learn about the world God has made and the gifts He has given us. The children will learn that this book is from the Bible (God's book). The aim of this is to see that God is the creator of all that they see around them and the idea of thanks giving.

Another unit we cover is Advent and Christmas. This unit is designed to develop appreciation that preparations are necessary. It introduces the idea of Christmas and introduces the Liturgical Year and a symbol to signify this time. Which leads on to the opportunity of hearing the story of Christmas.

Mathematics



Children will learn how to compare quantities, using mathematical vocabulary such as more or less than. They will be able to order, match and sort objects by size, colour or shape. The children will be able to recognise and continue a repeating pattern, as well as making one of their own.

In shape, we will be recognising and naming 2D shapes and identifying similarities and differences counting points and edges.

Understanding The World



People and Communities

The children will share in our Harvest thanksgiving and thank God for our wonderful world. We will meet their year 6 buddy and begin to form a relationship with them as part of our wider school community. We will explore and celebrate differences in people knowing that there are different countries in the world and explore the celebrations of Diwali and Christmas.

The Natural World

Children will learn about the season of autumn and observe change in their outdoor environment as part of this study using their 5 senses and how we use these in everyday life.

Expressive Arts and Design



Children will use a range of artistic media and techniques to explore our topic 'All about me'. They will create leaf prints and observational drawings as they learn about the season of autumn. They will be encouraged to listen to, move with and respond to a variety of music.

They will have opportunities for different activities such as; creating a portrait of themselves using a range of materials and they will use different resources such as puppets in the role play area to retell the stories.

Physical Development



Children will develop their ability to climb, balance and travel along a range of equipment. They will improve their hand eye co-ordination through throwing and catching games. Children will continue to develop their fine motor skills through daily 'finger gym' activities such as threading and using playdough.

During their PE lessons they will develop different skills such as negotiating, space and listening skills in a large area and linking a sequence of movement together.