

Foundation Stage
Summer Term
2016

Personal, Social & Emotional

One of the key aims for this last school term is to prepare the children for the transition from Foundation Stage to Year One. Many opportunities are built into our routine to develop self confidence and the children will be encouraged to become more independent and self reliant. The children have made many firm friendships since joining school in September. Social play with their peer group as well as older children continues to be extended. We promote interactive playground games and expect all children to play together with care and consideration, respecting other people's feelings. Following our RE curriculum 'Here I Am', the topics for this term are 'Good News', 'Friends' and 'Our World'. Parents will be invited to watch our Reception class assembly later this term.

**Communication, Language,
& Literacy**

This area of the curriculum develops a range of skills. Opportunities to read, write, listen and speak are planned through role play and play-based activities. As the children continue to develop the mechanics of independent writing we continue to encourage them to be motivated and to enjoy their new skills. We provide chances to practise writing each day with a mixture of focused teaching and free choice activities. Our role play area always incorporates writing materials, giving the children a purpose to write freely. Stories and non-fiction texts will be chosen to support our class topics. In addition to this, children read to a supporting adult on a one to one basis. Reading with your child on a regular basis at home will support and

encourage their ongoing progress - please read with your children as often as you can. The 'little and often' approach really supports children's ability to embed new phonics and vocabulary.

Mathematical Development

Applying number skills through everyday problem solving is a theme for this term. It is important that the children begin to make simple recordings of their understanding and this will continue to take place using whiteboards, as well as introducing number work books. Addition and subtraction symbols will be introduced and all mathematical activities will be supported with practical resources. Problem solving activities will be linked to our current topic work, including shape and measure. The children now recognize and name most 2d shapes and are beginning to recognize 3d shapes by name. Number recognition to 20 should be secure by the end of this term.

Understanding The World

Our themes for this term are 'Summer', 'Life-cycles' and 'Pirates and Princesses'. We will be encouraging children to ask questions about how things work and why things happen. This will be developed through investigations and experiments. ICT continues as a weekly feature and children use the laptops to learn to log on and off and use programs such as 'Word and Paint' to create a variety of pieces of work.

Creative Development

We will be offering many opportunities for outside art and craft as the weather improves. Children will be able to learn new songs in weekly assemblies, singing practice and class music sessions. Making their own music and following a beat will be features for this term's music lessons.

Physical Development

This area concentrates on developing both fine motor and gross motor skills. This term, we will be able to have an increased number of outdoor PE sessions and will prepare the children for the forthcoming Sports Day events. Pupils will be given the opportunity to develop balance, dexterity and co-ordination. Building on the previous terms' regular cycling opportunities, 'Bike-it' Graham and his team will be reinforcing and extending the children's skills during their designated week's cycling slots. Please feel free to continue bringing the children's bikes in on Mondays and Wednesdays and don't forget to put them in the bicycle shed by the back gate please.

Some useful information

We are hoping to take a trip to the seaside at the end of June. If any parents are interested in accompanying us, please let us know as soon as possible so the necessary plans can be made.

Useful Dates:

- May 2nd - Bank Holiday
- May 30th - Half-term week
- June 10th - Football European Championship Day
- June 16th - Class Photos
- June 20th - Staff Training Day
- June 21st - KS1 Sport Day
- June 23rd - Trip to the seaside
- June 24th - Open Afternoon
- July 19th - Last Day School Ends at 1.30pm

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