

Foundation Stage 1 Curriculum Letter - Summer 1- 2024

Our theme for Summer Term is:

Once Upon a Time...

Our main focuses are:

- Exploring characters through stories and play.
- Using our imaginations to explore different, magical worlds.
- Learning about pirates, space, castles and dragons.
- Exploring floating and sinking and different different forces.

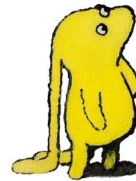
Our theme will last for:
7 weeks



Literacy

Within Literacy and during free flow we will be focussing on:

- Pronunciation and how we say the sounds of letters.
- Rhyme, learning how to recognise it and finding matching pairs.
- The initial sounds of different objects and words.
- Having a go at writing more accurate letters.
- Having a go at writing our names.
- Looking at different types of books and learning about the main features of them.
- Reading 'Beegu', 'Pirates Love Underpants', 'The Night Pirates', 'The Smeds and the Smoos' and 'Whatever Next'.



Mathematics

Within Mathematics and during free flow we will be:

- Counting out different amounts and saying how many there are.
- Counting in order and matching numerals to quantities.
- Comparing quantities using language such as more and fewer.
- Exploring positional language.
- Learning how to sequence events using the correct language such as 'first' and 'then'.
- Working with numbers to 5, counting, ordering and recognising the numerals.



Personal, Social and Emotional Development (P.S.E.D)

In this topic we will be:

- Learning how to recognise and regulate our emotions as well as recognising the emotions of others and why they might be feeling that way.
- Learning how to talk about our emotions using words like, happy, sad, angry.

Behaviour and Safety

Continuing to look at the NSPCC's PANTS rule and talking about Clever never goes (stranger danger).

We will also be exploring different ways to help strengthen our concentration skills.



Understanding the world (Science/Geography/History)

In our topic lessons and during free flow we will be:

- Exploring and talking about different forces that we might feel.
- Exploring different types of travel and transport.
- Exploring forces of cars on a ramp, experimenting with the height and the texture of the ramps.
- Exploring different types of 'worlds' like the ocean and space.
- Exploring space, the sun and the planets.
- Exploring pirates, fairies, castles, knights, dragons and mermaids through role play.
- Looking at the differences between ourselves and others.
- Learning about healthy eating.



Expressive Art and Design

We will be focusing on:

- Learning how to copy the sounds, pitch and tone in different songs.
- Using our own ideas and imaginations to create different representations of these ideas like pirate ships, planets, fairies etc.
- Exploring colour mixing and having a go at mixing different colours.



Communication and language

This half term, we will be encouraging the children to start conversations and continue them for many turns. We will also be helping the children to use more language when answering questions instead of just giving one word answers.



Physical Development

We will be focusing on moving more skilfully in different ways such as crawling, shuffling, hopping and balancing as different ways of travel.

Shared home learning:

Learning at home is just as important as learning at school. There are a range of ways to support your child's learning including: reading stories together, going on walks and talking about what your child can see or singing songs.

During this half term, you could encourage your child's creative side by giving them lots of resources to help them create something that they are interested in like pirates or aliens. Have a go at getting the paints out and mixing different colours to see what other colours you can make. Use water and paint brushes or large chalks outside and practise writing different letters, numbers or their name.

Don't forget to check Seesaw for our reading and phonics half term update as well as our weekly foundation focus.

