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English



Writing - Our writing this term will be linked to the topics of 'Weather and the four seasons' and 'Growing'. We will be:

- Writing about the changes that occur in different seasons;
- Drawing and labelling the most appropriate types of clothing to wear for different weather conditions;
- Making lists of healthy foods and writing instructions for a recipe.

Reading - During Guided Reading the children will focus on:

- Using their phonic knowledge and picture clues to read books.
- Improving their comprehension skills using Reciprocal Reading to deepen understanding.

They will be taught to:

- Look for clues in the pictures and text to answer questions;
- Predict what might happen next;
- Clarify meanings of new words;
- Make links to their own experiences.

Phonics - Children have phonics lessons four days a week. Children work within small phonics groups, each working at different phonics phases. Each session usually includes a phase one game and blending and segmenting skills. Children will also learn some high frequency and tricky words in these sessions.

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Mrs. Khanom (YGL) - RK

Miss. Johnrose - RJ

Miss. Dickson- RD

Miss. Altaf - RA



We continue to thank parents for their partnership with our school and their involvement in their child's learning. Please do not hesitate to speak to your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns.

Maths

During this term children will be learning about many different mathematical concepts. They will also practice basic maths skills such as counting, number formation and number recognition at the start of each lesson.

New concepts being taught this term are:

- Addition and subtraction;
- Lengths and measures;
- Time
- Positional language



Expressive Arts and Design

Dance

Every Friday each class will have a dance lesson. Children will explore the different ways that they can move their bodies to music and will also learn some basic dance routines.

Music

Every Monday each class has a music lesson. The children enjoy listening to a range of different types of music. They also play and create their own music with their voices, instruments or through body percussion. They are learning about pitch, beat and rhythm.

Art

Children have the opportunity to express themselves using a range of different media and materials and through all areas of the EYFS curriculum. This term they will:

- create seasonal pictures showing the changes that a deciduous tree goes through in each season;
- create observational drawings of natural objects using graphite pens and charcoal;
- explore printing with a variety of objects;
- create their own models and structures using recycled materials, wooden blocks and construction equipment.

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PSED



All pupils are taught essential life skills such as how to control their emotions, how to relate to others and to have confidence in themselves and their abilities. This is done in a cross-curricular way throughout all lessons.



Every Monday each class has a PE lesson with our sports coach. Children will be participating in lessons covering movement, balancing and throwing. All children should bring their PE kit to school on Monday and it is kept in school until Friday, when it can be taken home to be washed.

Home Learning

Homework is a continuation of school work at home and is a great opportunity for your child to practice the skills they have learnt.

Reading - Children will be given reading books to take home and read with an adult on a daily basis. Parents/carers should read the book with their child and talk to them about what has happened in the story, how characters are feeling and why and make predictions about what might happen next. This will help to develop their comprehension skills as well as their reading skills. Parents/carers should write a comment in the Reading Record about how their child responded to the book.

High frequency words - The children will be given some high frequency words to read and practice writing at home. These will be on the inside of their homework book. Please practice reading and writing these words with your child and encourage them to make up sentences using the words.

English and Maths - Please check your child's homework book. Homework will relate to the unit of work for that week. Please encourage your child to have a go at the task and write any comments that your child makes next to their work.

Speak Up! - A poem will be given to be learned off by heart at the beginning of each half term. These will be performed in an assembly each half term.



Understanding the World



First half term - Children will be carrying out activities based around the topic of 'The Four Seasons'. This will include learning about:

- the weather and how we feel about different types of weather;
- how we should dress appropriately for different types of weather.
- the changes that happen in different seasons.

They will also be learning about the Chinese New Year.

Second half term - Children will carry out activities based around the topic of 'Growing'. They will learn:

- how to plant seeds and take care of them;
- how to eat healthily;
- the differences and similarities between how they were as babies and how they are now;
- about the lifecycle of different creatures.

Technology - Children will learn how to use computer programs such as Dazzle and they regularly use Internet-based games to enhance their learning during Guided Reading, Maths and Literacy lessons.

Educational Visits



In March, we will visit a farm where children will learn more about growing fruit and vegetables and about the lifecycle of a chicken.