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Literacy

Writing - Children will be focusing on writing their names and labelling pictures during their first topic which is "Ourselves". They will be encouraged to listen to the sounds they can hear in the words they want to write and have a go at mark making or writing them. We always praise children for having a go as this only improves their confidence and their willingness to write more next time.

Reading - Children will be given two new reading books to read each week. These books must come into school every day in their book bag. They will be expected to read these books at home with an adult or carer as well as in school with their teacher or support staff. We encourage children to look at the pictures to help them understand what is happening in the story and blend sounds together where possible. We invite parents to write comments in their child's reading record book so that we can monitor their progress at home.

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

Speak Up! - We are continuing to promote Standard English in both speaking and writing.

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Mrs Shaikh (YGL) - RS

Miss. Tasnim- RT

Ms Mckenzie- RM

Miss Watt - RW



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 maths concepts. They will also practice basic maths skills such as counting, number formation and number recognition at the start of each lesson.

Concepts we will be addressing this term are:

- Counting in sequence (up to 20 if possible)
- Ordering numbers
- Finding the missing numbers
- Counting with objects
- Writing basic numbers
- Simple 2D shapes



Understanding the World



First half term - Children will be going on learning walks around their new classrooms and areas learning the importance of different signs such as fire exit. They will also be shown and talk about the school rules so that they can understand the importance of them.

Second half term - During our second half term the children will be looking in depth at many of the different religions such as Sikhism, Hinduism, Islam and Christianity. They will be given the opportunity to explore different religious artefacts and listen to popular stories for these religions such as 'the Christmas story'.

Please note that when the children are exploring and investigating in school, they can get messy. We do apologise if at times your child does come home with messy clothes.

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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 Thursday each class has a PE lesson with a 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.

Expressive Arts and Design

Dance

On Friday's 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 will have 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 will be 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:

- Learn about and create pictures for different religious celebrations such as Diwali, Christmas, Hanukkah and Eid.
- Create pictures of themselves and their families using different materials.

Performance

Children will be rehearsing and performing a Nativity concert for the parents in December.

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.

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.

Literacy and Maths - Please check your child's homework book - this will be purple. 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.



Educational Visits



Reception will be visiting the local Gurdwara in the first half term to learn about the Sikh faith in more depth.

During the second half term we are planning to go to Stratford Circus Theatre to watch a performance on stage.