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Literacy

Writing - This term writing will be linked to 'Weather and the four seasons' and 'Growing'.

We will:

- Write about the seasonal changes
- Learn about clothes to wear in different weather conditions;
- Make lists of healthy foods and write instructions for a recipe.

Reading - During Guided Reading we will focus on:

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

Children 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. They work within small phonics groups, each working on different phonics phases.

Sessions usually include a phase one game and blending and segmenting skills. Children will also learn some high frequency and tricky words in these sessions which they must continue to practice at home

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

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 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



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



Thursday - P.E.

Friday - Dance Lesson

Children will participate in lessons about movement, balance and throwing. Children should bring PE kit to school on Monday. It should be taken home on Friday 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 purple 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.

Understanding the World

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

- different types of weather and how we feel about it
- 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.

Growing and Healthy Living - 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



During the second half term Reception will be visiting the local Temple.

