

We are looking forward to sharing your child's learning experiences with them this year. We have lots of exciting learning planned to develop their skills in all the 7 areas of the Foundation Stage curriculum.



Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This term is all about children feeling happy in school and confident in their new surroundings, so we place a great deal of importance on their self-help skills, finding resources, their own drawer and peg, dressing themselves and doing up zips on winter coats.

We will enjoy lots of activities to help them develop their skills of sharing and turn-taking.

We will be following the Jigsaw PSHE sessions and this term our topic is 'All about me'.

Maths

The children will be exploring the world around them to notice the similarities and differences between objects, using mathematical terminology.

The children will be exploring our local environment and school to notice numbers are all around!

This term we will be focussing on subitising and looking at the patterns within numbers to 5 in depth. We will be grouping numbers in different ways. We will be learning how to use a 5s frame and a 10s frame to aid our learning.

More information about subitising will be shared with you shortly.

We sing lots of mathematical songs and rhymes each day. Eg. 5 little speckled frogs.

Understanding of the World

The children have daily opportunities for exploring both indoor and outdoor learning. Each day the children can partake in messy play, including our Mud Kitchen.

The children will develop their understanding of seasons by looking for clues of Autumn. We will be exploring pumpkins and splashing in lots of muddy puddles.

We will explore the world around us by listening to stories from around the world. We also explore festivals and celebrations from a variety of religions. To celebrate we often do practical, art and design or cooking activities.

Communication and Language, and Literacy

The children will be listening to lots of stories and having classroom discussions about the books. The children will begin asking questions and predicting what will happen next in the story.

We will be starting to understand the importance of letters and words by spotting them in the world around us. Please encourage and support your children to make sense of the words and letters that they may see around them e.g. food packets, logos, shops, clothes, advertising, street signs etc.

We will be starting our Read Write Inc. Phonics program where the children will learn to identify letter sounds, begin blending words together and forming letters carefully. More information about this will be sent out shortly.

We will be starting our 'Drawing Club' sessions this term, which develops the children's spoken language, oracy skills and mark making skills.

The children will be listening and singing Nursery Rhymes and familiar songs.

Physical Development

On Monday the children will be having their PE lesson with Mr Dolman. Throughout this term the children will be learning to move their bodies in a variety of ways.

The children will be developing their gross motor skills by exploring our outdoor area, by digging, climbing, building with large construction blocks, cycling on the bicycles and much more.

The children will be developing their fine motor skills by weaving, threading, hammering, manipulating dough and clay etc.

Expressive Arts and Design

The areas we are exploring offer many opportunities for art and craft during our Continuous Provision learning. This term we will be exploring the different ways to use resources such as scissors, masking tape, PVA glue and different styles of media. The children have continued access to musical instruments and materials in our new outdoor stage.

Home Learning

This will begin in a few weeks, once the children have settled into life in Reception. Home learning is a relaxed and great way to see how the children can apply the skills we have been learning at school, and also to celebrate and explore our beautiful local area and island. Our home learning can be done with all the family and it is lovely for the children to upload their adventures onto Seesaw to share with their friends in class. Eg. Can you find a leaf that is bigger than your head? Can you jump in lots of muddy puddles this weekend?

Throughout our Early Years curriculum, we will be learning about the rights of a child. This term we will be focussing on:

- Article 2: All children have rights.
- Article 3: Adults must do what's best for me.
- Article 29: I have a right to an education which develops my personality, respect for others' rights and the environment.
- Article 31: I have a right to relax and play.

We do hope the children will enjoy all the learning activities planned.

Kind Regards, Miss Lamb and the Reception Team ☺