

Mathematics

Children in reception will be focussing on the numbers 4 and 5. They will explore different ways to represent these numbers and make comparisons using the language 'more', 'fewer' and 'equal'. Towards the end of the term, we will learn about circles, triangles, rectangles and squares and find examples of them in our environment. Nursery children will explore numbers 1,2,3 and begin to find ways to represent these numbers with resources and fingers. The children will also put their counting and measuring skills into practise during cooking activities - making porridge and mice pies.

Understanding the World

We will learn about the celebration of Christmas and how it might be celebrated around the world. In provision, the children will explore materials and their properties (making links to the Three Little Pigs). Towards the end of the term, we will discuss royalty and what it means to be a member of the royal family (making links to Cinderella).

Literacy

In daily phonics lessons, the children will increase their independence when blending sounds to read words. We will continue to learn new sounds using the set order from the Little Wandle programme. Nursery children will begin to explore letter sounds alongside developing their listening skills. They will spot rhymes, initial sounds and clap the syllables in words. We will continue to have 'Drawing Club' 3 times a week. This term, we will focus on children adding greater detail to their drawings and writing beginning, middle and end sounds in words.

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Communication and Language

The children will continue to broaden their vocabulary, exploring 7 new exciting words each week in 'Drawing Club'. This term, children will develop their ability to ask questions to find out more information and follow more complicated instructions. Listening to and discussing stories is a big focus in this topic. Children will learn to join in with storytelling, repeating refrains and digging deeper into characters' thoughts and actions.

Once Upon a Time/ Sparkle and Shine



Expressive Arts and Design

The children will develop their performance skills, singing and dancing in time to music, during rehearsals for our nativity. In child-led learning time, we will focus on retelling traditional tales using role play, masks and small world characters. The children will have opportunities to explore den building and building large models outdoors - linked to The Three Little Pigs.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Now that the children have truly settled into school life, we will begin to work on their ability to regulate their emotions - particularly in the face of challenge. We will support the children to develop their perseverance and resilience. We will have many opportunities for playing games, taking turns and winning and losing. We will also touch on healthy eating when we make our own Goldilocks porridge - choosing from a variety of healthy toppings.

Physical Development

Reception children will begin the Little Wandle handwriting programme which begins with forming patterns. We will also learn how to pick up a pencil correctly and focus more on this during writing and mark making activities. Nursery children will take part in daily fine motor activities including cutting and dough disco. In PE, the children will continue to develop their strength and coordination.

RE

We will learn the Christian Christmas story in RE lessons and through our nativity performance. We will discuss why Christmas is a particularly important celebration for Christians and how they might prepare for and celebrate Christmas.