

Reception

Autumn 1

Classroom Explorers

Communication and Language

This half term, we will focus on developing communication and language skills through meaningful interactions with adults and peers. Children will be encouraged to ask and answer questions using words such as who, what, where and why. They will practise initiating conversations, taking turns in discussion and listening carefully to the ideas and contributions of others.

Understanding the World

As Classroom Explorers, children will use their senses to investigate and learn about the world around them. They will take part in walks around the school grounds, observing colours, sounds, textures and smells in the environment. As autumn progresses, children will notice and discuss seasonal changes, including falling leaves, changes in colour and differences in the weather.

Physical Development

This half term, children will develop both their gross and fine motor skills through a variety of engaging activities, including weekly Tumbling Tots sessions and PE lessons. They will strengthen their coordination, balance and core stability through movement and active play.

Expressive Art and Design

As Classroom Explorers, children will use their imagination and creativity to explore a wide range of materials and resources. They will learn how to choose appropriate tools and materials to achieve a particular purpose, while using them safely and responsibly. Children will also enjoy singing songs, performing nursery rhymes and experimenting with instruments to create their own music and rhythms.

Phonics

This half term, children will begin their Read Write Inc. journey. They will learn the single-letter sounds and be introduced to some of the first 'Special Friends' sounds. We will focus on developing listening skills, hearing sounds in words and blending them together orally. Children will also practise correct letter formation and begin reading simple words. As their confidence grows, they will start to spell words using their 'Fred Fingers' to help segment sounds.

Writing

This half term, children will develop their mark-making skills and begin to communicate their ideas through writing. They will use their growing knowledge of print and letters to create labels, receipts, menus and captions, as well as practise writing their own name. Children will be encouraged to talk about their writing and, with adult support, read back what they have written.

Maths

This half term, children will build on their previous experiences of number from home and nursery settings. They will develop their subitising and counting skills and explore the composition of numbers to 5. Children will compare groups of objects, use mathematical language to describe their observations and sort objects in different ways according to their properties. They will also begin to explain their thinking and reasoning.

P.S.E.D

This half term, children will be supported to build positive relationships with both adults and their peers. They will learn to recognise and talk about a range of emotions and begin to develop strategies for managing their feelings. Through our Classroom Explorers theme, children will develop their independence, resilience and confidence by making choices, selecting resources and embracing new challenges.