

Key Texts

We will be using a range of texts to shape our learning. We will also be sharing a wide range of stories during daily story times as well as non-fiction texts. These will include

- Burglar Bill by Janet and Allen Ahlberg
- A Superhero Like You by Dr Ranj
- The Crunching Munching Caterpillar by Sheridan Cain
- The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle

Phonics

Phonics sessions will continue to take place 4 times a week. We will recap the letter sounds we have learnt and continue to learn new sounds including digraphs. Lots of the children are blending sounds to read words confidently now so we will be supporting children with instant sound blending in order to develop their fluency. Please continue to send books back on a Wednesday so that a new book can be given on a Friday.

Expressive Arts and Design

Music

We will continue to listen to and appraise a piece of music weekly, taken from the Summer 1 Reception Charanga scheme - 'Big Bear Funk'. As part of our theme we will be learning to copy and create some animal rhythms.

We will also be learning to sing some songs especially for some of our special people.

Art

We will be exploring the art work of a range of artists before making our own observational drawings and paintings of flowers.



Understanding the world

This half term we will be focussing on People Who Help Us and talking about the way they are real life superheroes. This will include police, fire fighters, farmers and shop keepers.

We will also be looking at transport and how this has changed across history.

Seasons and Life Cycles

We will be thinking about what happens in the Spring. We will look at new growth and the life cycles of plants and caterpillars. We will also explore planting in our outdoor area.

Key Questions

- Who helps?
- How do people help us?
- What is the life cycle of a plant/caterpillar?

Literacy

In our literacy sessions we will be putting a big focus on writing captions and short sentences. Children will be writing sentences they create themselves as well as dictated sentences so they can focus purely on the writing.

Writing will be linked to our learning about People Who Help Us and will include writing lists of equipment these people may use and sentences about how they help people.

Maths

In maths we will be finding out how numbers 6-10 can be made if we start with 5. E.g. 7 is made of 5 and 2, 8 is made of 5 and 3.

The children will be practising their counting and subsidising skills for larger amounts. We will also revisit and extend our knowledge of 2D shapes.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We are learning about looking after ourselves and the things we need to do to keep healthy.

Physical Development

In our Real PE sessions we will be focussing on developing ball skills and our fundamental movement skills of co-ordination (sending and receiving) and agility (reaction/response and ball chasing).

Trip

We will be visiting West Lodge Farm on Friday 10th May. We will be learning about a day in the life of a farmer, how farmers help us and about life cycles.