



Curriculum Overview for Parents

Reception, Autumn Term 2

Out Of This World!

English

Using the story of the 'Three Little Pigs' as a starting point we will develop our story telling skills and learn to retell the story using time words such as first, then, next and finally. We will use simple non-fiction books and digital sources to learn about Homes and the Arctic and will record our knowledge in simple written forms. As December arrives we will have a go at writing letters and lists for a certain gentleman who lives at the North Pole! Regular phonics, guided reading and story sessions will continue to support and develop progression in this area.

Communication & Language

This will be a focus across all areas of learning, children will be encouraged to use storytelling, puppets and role play to extend their communication skills and explore aspects of their learning further.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will be working with a new PSHE scheme of work called Jigsaw. Each half term will have its own theme shared by the whole school. This half term's theme will be celebrating difference where we will be looking at what makes us unique and how we are all special in our own way.

Physical Development

Children will continue with the realPE scheme where they will have opportunities to develop their cognitive and social skills including listening, responding and working as part of a team. Our physical focus will be balancing in a range of different ways. Children will also develop their fine motor skills through a range of activities in the classroom. In addition to our PE lessons, the children will also have the opportunity to move in response to music linked to our Christmas production.

Maths

Using cross curricular contexts we will continue to practise and improve counting and number recognition. We will consider one more and one less and will explore addition and subtraction using practical and pictorial resources to support our understanding. We will also consider the concept of doubling and will solve simple problems related to this. 2D and 3D shapes, Days and Months of the year and comparing weights and capacities will be explored in formal guided sessions, play activities and through problem solving scenarios.

Expressive Arts and Design

With the Arctic as a focus we will use a range of materials and techniques to create linked art work, including polar bear art, the contrast between cold and hot colours and a piece of art work inspired by Aurora Borealis – the Northern Lights. In music sessions the children will use body percussion to create a representation of a storm and will learn to vary the tempo of sounds and music. They will learn songs, actions and simple percussion accompaniments to be performed as part of our Christmas Play.

Understanding the World

The World

As Autumn turns to winter we will take a closer look at the seasons. We will think and talk about our homes, including similarities and differences between different types of dwellings. We will learn about the most northerly part of the earth – The Arctic, and will find out about the animals and people who live there and how they adapt to their own environment.

People and Communities

Children will learn about a range of religious stories and their importance around the world. We will also be talking about family traditions and celebrations that are special to us. Children will also learn about the story of Christmas and why Christians celebrate it.

Technology

The children will have opportunities to use a range of technology, including ipads, and will develop their understanding of the relationship between mouse, keyboard and screen.