

This term, Reception are learning about: Growing and Changing

Literacy

This term we will be sharing stories based on new growth and spring. We will enjoy stories such as The Very Hungry Caterpillar and The Tiny Seed, which help reinforce our learning about animal and plant lifecycles. We will enjoy the humour and use of language and rhyme in Julia Donaldson's Superworm and What the Ladybird Heard. In reading, we will continue to focus on using our 'robot talk' to segment and blend words, as well as recognising and spelling harder to read and spell words. We will also continue to develop our sentence writing, ensuring that we use our 'robot talk' to spell and have included finger spaces, capital letters and the correct punctuation.

Maths

In maths, we will continue to explore Number patterns within 10 to help develop a concrete understanding of the number system. Within the numbers to 10, we will explore concepts such as matching numeral to quantity, recognising numbers at random, and subitising, as well as developing our addition and subtraction skills. We will also explore the concept of doubling and halving. We will use engaging resources, songs, and real-life experiences to help us explore the use of doubling and halving in a meaningful context. We will also explore shape and pattern.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Pupils will revisit our school and classroom rules this half term, as well as developing their teamwork skills. We will do this through partner work and small group activities. We will also talk about how we can negotiate and solve problems independently, without the need for adult support. We will look at turn taking, listening to each other, and explaining how we feel to our friends. This half term, we will also be exploring our emotions and discussing the best techniques to remain calm when we are feeling overwhelmed. We will also discuss what is safe to go into our bodies and the people who keep us safe,

Communication and Language

This half term we will be focusing on using talk to organise, sequence and clarify thinking, ideas, feelings, and events. This will involve the children consistently using the correct tenses when describing a past, present, or future event.

Children will extend their vocabulary and explore the meaning of new words within our Talk Through Stories and Primary Knowledge Curriculum lessons. We will be learning some exciting new key words when learning about Growing and changing.

Physical Development

Pupils will continue to develop their physical development in a variety of different ways using a variety of balls. They will play games aimed at improving ball use.

The games will feature the use of different balls with a keen emphasis on eye and hand co-ordination. They will continue to develop in showing good control and coordination in large and small movements. They will be taught how to move confidently in a range of ways and safely negotiate space

Expressive Arts and Design

In art we will be thinking about drawing what we can see around us. We will start by looking at still life by Van Gogh and carefully observe how we can use different marks to draw objects in front of us. We will go on look at paintings by Lowry, drawing where we live, and finish by creating our own imaginary houses inspired by the colourful and unusual architecture of Hundertwasser. In music this half term, we will be using our growing knowledge of high and low sounds, and how we can bring more life to the songs we sing by adding dynamics and tempo changes. We will be learning new singing games and practising how to stay together as a group when we move to music

Understanding of the World

In Primary Knowledge Curriculum, the children will learn about farm animals and their young. They will explore a range of life cycles such as the butterfly and human life cycle and learn about different animals that hatch eggs. Children will plant seeds and have opportunities to investigate, observe and share their knowledge and ideas about how plants grow.

