

Communication and Language and Personal, Social, Emotional and Development (MB)

Common interests among the class this year are dolls and role play. We are planning to use these interests to extend the children's imaginations, story telling skills and vocabulary. Who knows where else it might take us! We plan to create different small worlds each week to engage and enthuse us as well as broadening our understanding of the world. Our first stop, is an under the sea world. This will change weekly in response to the children's comments and questions.

We will be learning all about our basic emotions and how to cope with them. The children are learning new routines, building new relationships and developing a positive sense of self. Activities will be planned weekly to support this in response to the children's needs and interests.

Literacy and Physical Development

Through a range of dance and expressive movements, children will experiment with different ways of moving and learn to negotiate space successfully. The children will also experience a different 'finger gym' activity each week; this will improve fine motor skills which are essential for writing.

We have a new under the sea reading and writing cave to encourage children to mark make and write simple words or captions. Each week something new will be in the cave to prompt writing and mark making, as well as story-telling and reading. In phonics, the children will be introduced to many new sounds from phase 2, this will include single phonemes and digraphs. We will have group work which will support the development of segmenting and blending, as well as, reading tricky words.

Autumn
Term 1

Understanding the World and Mathematics

In maths, children will explore a range of natural materials and use them in problem solving. We will learn how to count accurately and find matching numerals. We will learn how to write numbers and make up our own mathematical problems. We will learn to identify 2D shapes in our everyday environment and use them to create pictures. We will also learn how numbers can be represented in different ways.

We will learn a lot about animals this term through Wild Tribe, an outdoor learning program. We will identify common animals, create habitats, study how they can be tracked and find their food. We will also learn how to build a fire safely and toast yummy marshmallows! In addition to this, we are also going to look at what fruit is available to us outdoors at this time of year and use it to make a delicious treat.

Expressive Arts and Design

Together with the year ones, children will be creating art work which reflects their experiences and additionally, art work inspired by the outdoors. They will also experiment with construction, building models and rockets. They will use techniques and tools needed to shape, assemble and join materials they are using, select appropriate resources and adapt work where necessary.

The children will also experience a range of dressing up. This will enable them to recreate roles and situations, be imaginative and perform confidently.