

Physical Development:

This half term the children will be developing and consolidating their ball skills in PE. The children will be exploring a range of ways to move and control a ball with their feet. We will move to working together and playing ball games collaboratively. Throughout our provision, children will get the chance to develop their fine motor skills and hand strength through dough disco, scissor cutting activities, pencil control and letter formation and using lots of different tools for creating art work. Children will create a dot work calendar linked to the book 'Tree-Seasons come, seasons go' and get creative with media materials for Chinese New Year.

Communication and Language:

To help develop the children's communication and language skills, we have picked some key texts as part of our topic to stimulate discussion and questions e.g. Tree- seasons come and seasons go, Jack and the Beanstalk and Room on the Broom. Repeated phrases give children the chance to participate in story time and familiarise themselves with the books. Our home corner is continuously set up in provision for communication opportunities such as discussing the lives of people around them at home. Children are also part of daily communication and language sessions during our fruit and milk time. These sessions include rhyming games, listening and attention activities and music and rhythm sessions.

Personal, Social and Emotional:

This half term children will be focusing on recognising and labelling their emotions as well as moderating their own feelings both socially and emotionally. This will be supported by the use of Ten Ten resources in the emotional well-being and personal relationships units. Children are always prompted to label their feelings during play time and choosing and to recognise these emotions in their body. We will also continue our Internet safety sessions by identifying technology and how it's used and take part in Safer Internet Day on the 8th of February.

Understanding the world:

Children will be given the chance to explore the natural world around them and how it changes. Using the book 'Trees: Seasons come, seasons go' children will discuss what changes happen in each Season and create a calendar based on this. Through our alternative faith lesson and Chinese New Year topic activities children will be given the opportunity to recognise that people have different beliefs and celebrate special times in different ways.

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**RE:**

Our two topics this half term are Celebration and Gathering. We start the year thinking about different ways we come together and celebrate. We will then explore Church celebrations such as Baptism, Christmas and Weddings and who the parish family are. In our second topic the children will then discuss gathering and activities that are best done together. How the Church community gathers will then become our focus.

Our Bible Story this half term will be the Feeding of the 5000. We will familiarise ourselves with this story and with Jesus by reading the Bible, watching videos and through collective worship.

Maths:

There will be a focus on numbers 4-8 this half term. The children will explore these numbers in depth including the composition of them, how to compare them, recognising and writing the numerals as well as counting them out from larger groups. We will also be introducing the number 0 and the concepts of making pairs and combing 2 groups. For the 'measure, shape and spatial thinking' sections of our learning we will be introducing the following topics and looking at them very broadly as concepts: comparing mass, comparing capacity, length and height and time. Your child's Maths home learning book gives them a chance to consolidate these skills and is a great way for you to support them at home.

Phonics and Literacy:

Children will be continuing to consolidate their recognition of the set 1 phonic sounds from our Read Write Inc scheme. Each day we have an opportunity to practice reading and writing these and sounds and build and blend them into words. Practising blending will be a key skill we focus on this half term. To encourage further writing key vocabulary is used in our topic and RE lessons and opportunities given in target work for children to write down their ideas and thoughts. We have chosen some key texts to support our topic that include repeated phrases; such as Jack and Beanstalk and Room on the Broom. We are lucky enough to have a visit from the library booked to come and do a story and rhyme session with us to promote a love of reading. You can support your child at home with their reading through their sounds book and reading books.

Expressive arts and Design:

The arts and craft corner in our provision is always set up for children to express themselves and get creative. Throughout our Topic children will be given the opportunity to use playdough, paint, crafting materials, use scissors and glue and do paper crafts. The traditional tales in our topic lend themselves to children creating story lines in their pretend play and this will be mirrored in our small world area. We will also listen to music for Chinese New Year and allow the children to express themselves through dance.

Characteristics of Effective Learning:

You may hear your child talking about different animals such as 'choosing chimp' and 'exploring elephant'. Throughout all the children's learning experiences we promote the characteristics of effective learning. These include, finding out and exploring, playing with what they know, being willing to have a go, enjoying their successes, concentrating, having their own ideas and making links. These are great things to look out for at home during both play and learning!