



SPRING FIRST HALF TERM - CURRICULUM MAP

Communication and Language

Through show and tell opportunities, we will encourage children to recount past events and answer questions from the class. We will introduce talk partners, as an opportunity to practise our speaking and listening skills, ensuring we are taking account of what others say in conversations.

Physical Development

We will be using large apparatus and mats in PE so children can learn to move over, under and through equipment safely and with confidence. We will discuss good practices with regard to eating, sleeping and hygiene. Through 'dough disco' and 'squiggle whilst you wiggle', children will continue to develop their gross and fine motor skills.

Personal Social and Emotional Development

We will talk with the children about ways we can be kind and gentle, setting up opportunities for them to practice these new skills with each other. We will also talk about what we are good at and use the New Year as an opportunity to share ideas of what we want to get better at.

Literacy

We will explore a range of stories that include fiction and non-fiction texts and pay attention to the blurb, author, and illustrator of each book. Both in play and in adult led learning, we will set up activities and prompts to encourage the children to write labels, captions and short sentences. This half term in phonics we will begin learning the sounds in Phase 3.

Mathematics

Children will develop their mathematical language using 'more' and 'fewer' when comparing sets of objects. We will also practise saying what one more is and finding the total of two sets. They will begin to record their observations of number and shape using marks that they can explain and will create their own simple number games.

Understanding the World

We will develop our mouse skills on the computer by using the program 'Purple Mash'. We will also use the iPad to create different media i.e. pictures, videos, stories, visual effects.

We will investigate different materials, conducting simple experiments with ice, water and food.

Expressive Arts and Design

We will experiment with different media such as powder paints, pastels and collage materials, to create texture and pattern. We will teach the children how to fix and join materials in more challenging ways, e.g. hole punchers, staplers, treasury tags, split pins. Through storytelling, we will develop the children's imaginations and role play.

Enrichment and Home School learning

We will find out about the celebration of Chinese New Year by sharing books, watching videos and immersing ourselves in the costumes, food and dances.

We also hope to visit Royston library to explore a range of books and have a storytelling session.

Characteristics of Effective Learning

We will be focusing on motivation this half term, encouraging the children to 'keep on trying' even when challenges arise. We will discuss how if we keep going, or try changing our approach, we can reach our goal in the end!