

Communication and Language

In Reception we love to talk! We will be:

- listening to stories, joining in with repeating parts of stories and retelling stories.
- listening to others and taking turns to speak - considering being a good listener.
- asking and answering questions.
- sharing our ideas on the carpet.
- listen to and respond to stories with increasing attention.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We love to play and work with others and we are learning how to look after ourselves too! We will be talking about

- taking turns with others.
- playing with others and sharing ideas.
- understanding our own feelings and having an awareness of others' feelings.
- how to be a good friend
- how to show perseverance and determination
- how to show courage, and encourage others

Physical Development

It is very important to use our muscles and keep ourselves healthy. We will be practising:

- climbing safely.
- running and negotiating spaces safely, with control.
- balancing on one leg and hopping
- throwing and catching a ball.
- jumping and rolling safely.
- holding a pencil and forming letters correctly.



Literacy

As a class we will be reading and sharing lots of lovely fiction stories, considering characters, settings, storylines and the way a story is sequenced. We will also be using non-fiction books and texts to learn new information, including learning about letters.

Word Reading: We will be learning to:

- continuing to learn new sounds in phonics including x y z zz qu ch sh th th ng ai ee igh oa oo oo.
- read CVC words.
- read some tricky words.

Word Writing:

- write CVC words.
- write simple dictated captions and High Frequency Words.

Drawing Club

In Drawing Club we will be opening up adventure and imagination through drawing and writing using lots of different stories!



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Winter Magical Tales and Cold Places



Mathematics

We will be learning to:

- recognise and represent numbers to 10.
- identify numbers without counting.
- order numbers and explore one more.
- find different ways to make numbers to 10.
- compare groups using the language more, fewer and equal.

Expressive Art and Design

We will be inspired by the stories that we read and the world around us to:

- use our imagination in narrative when playing
- create new things using a variety of materials e.g. junk modelling, drawing materials, large scale construction materials etc

We will also focus on:

- exploring paint through finger painting, describing colours and textures.
- collecting materials and using them to make painting tools.
- creating abstract and figurative art.
- painting to music, recording emotional responses including exciting and expressive paintings to music.
- using different joining materials to stick e.g. sellotape, glue sticks and PVA glue, and understanding when and why to use them.

Musically we will:

- Explore the beat, recognising tempo in music



Understanding the World

We will be looking at and talking about:

- simple maps of imaginary settings from stories they know well e.g. Three Billy Goats Gruff
- Lunar New Year celebrations.
- the characters from traditional tales and stories, learning that these were set in the past. Children discuss how their lifestyle compares to ours (past vs present).
- properties of materials through Fairy-tale stories, such as exploring the materials in The Three Little Pig's houses and The Princess and the Pea's bed.
- Children talk about changes in the weather and environment in winter, discussing what they see/feel/hear when outside.
- Children explore the properties of ice and changing states of water.

Independent skills to develop at home

To become independent you need to practise

- zipping your coat.
- putting on and taking off your shoes/wellies
- fastening buttons.
- washing and drying hands.
- turning clothes the right side out.
- tidying up after yourself.
- putting lids back on pens.

Homework

Regularly reading your child's Reading Book each week.

Practising the Tricky Words each week.

Library Books - a story to share for pleasure.

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We will be learning about:

- Stories Jesus Heard - Through stories: Clever Cub Tells the Truth, Clever Cub Trusts God
- Stories Jesus Told - Through stories: Clever Cub Learns about Love
- Easter - Through stories: Clever Cub and the Easter Surprise

Please talk to your children about

- themselves and their feelings.
- other people and children (similarities, differences, feelings)
- who they like to play with.
- the jobs people in their family do.