

Early Years
Spring 1

Curriculum Newsletter



Important Dates:

PE days:
Kingfisher: Wednesday
Woodpecker: Thursday
INSET Day: Fri. 14th Feb

Literacy

In Phonics the children will continue to work in phonics groups according to where they are in their phonics journey. The children are using their known sounds, which they are blending, to read words with growing independence.

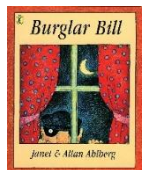
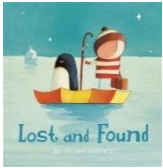
The children will be applying their phonics knowledge when writing words, labels and captions. We will continue to teach the children how to form letters correctly and the children will begin to write simple CVC words and some children will write sentences.

Mathematics

The children will continue to subitise by exploring patterns within 5, including structured and random arrangements. Children will begin to see that numbers within 10 can be composed of '5 and a bit'. Our Early Years children will continue to count and order numbers to 10, as well as developing verbal counting to 20 and beyond. Children will develop their counting, ordinality and cardinality (to consolidate the 'stable order principle', and to develop their knowledge of the counting sequence)

Understanding the World

Through observation and conversations, we will be learning about the seasonal changes that occur in the natural environment. The children will be looking for signs of Winter. We will explore freezing and melting, along with where Antarctica and the Arctic are in the World, as well as the animals that live in these places. We will also learn about winter festivals, such as Chinese New Year.



Communication and Language

Our Talk Through Stories texts builds on the children's vocabulary and ability to talk about characters and events from familiar stories. Our texts for this half term will be: 'Lost and Found', 'One Snowy Night' and 'Burglar Bill'. We work on each text for 2 weeks.

Expressive Arts and Design

The children will explore joining and combining materials including moving parts e.g. using split pins. Children will learn a weekly nursery rhyme that they will repeat and rehearse. Our children have regular opportunities to explore and play with a wide range of media and materials.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will be exploring our Dreams and Goals, encouraging a growth mind-set. The children will consider what challenges and obstacles might get in their way of achieving their dreams and think about strategies that can help them to overcome this. Through work on Valentines' Day, we will discuss people who are special to us.

Physical Development

Our focus will be on Gymnastics. The children will create short sequences using shapes, balance and traveling actions.