

Foundation Stage Curriculum Newsletter – Spring 2

Communication, Language and Literacy

The Spring Term focus in Foundation Stage is on traditional tales. These are stories that have been passed through the generations of a culture. We will be sharing and enjoying a range of traditional tales from all around the world. We would like to hear any traditional tales that are popular from everyone's country this Spring Term.

During our daily interactions, we will develop our communication skills.

Through our Read Write Inc. sessions, we will develop our phonic knowledge to read individual letters & blend sounds into words. We will also be given lots of opportunities to write.

We will start to make up our own stories and listen to lots of stories to develop our love of books. We will enjoy learning lots of new vocabulary.

Mathematics

This half term is all about the numbers 9 and 10. We will learn the number bonds to 10, which is a key concept for us so that we are successful in year 1 mathematics.

We will be exploring length and height in lots of creative ways and learning about time.

We will also be learning about 3D shapes, their names and how to use mathematical vocabulary to describe them.

Physical Development

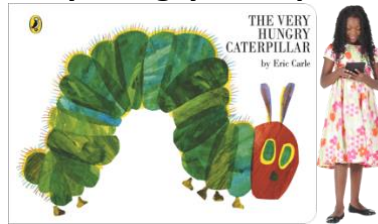
This half term we will begin to work in Gymnastics. Every year throughout school we will build on this learning. We will continue to practice working with increased independence as we are now halfway through the year.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

During our daily circles, we will listen to each other's thoughts and ideas. We will also talk about our feelings and how they can affect others.

The school's Jigsaw theme is Healthy Me. We will focus on the importance of healthy food, physical exercise, keeping clean and sleep.

Our key texts for learning will be 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'



Understanding the World

This half term will be focussed on changes during the Spring. We will spend lots of time outside, exploring both in school and on local nature walks. We will explore plants and animals, growing and life cycles. We will all be planting beans to see how they grow and watching what happens to our frogspawn. It's an exciting time! We will also be looking at the images in traditional stories like 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and consider what changes have taken place in houses and clothes between then and now.

We will be learning about Christianity and what Easter is all about. We will visit a Church to see how Christian's mark Easter time in their place of worship and we'll be taking part in lots of Easter crafts and baking, including making Easter nest buns.

It is Mother's Day during Spring 2 and we will be celebrating and giving thanks to the people in our lives that perform a caring role for us and, in particular, our strong feminine role models.

Expressive Arts and Design

With Spring in the air, it is the perfect time to focus on colour mixing with a focus on yellow and green so that we can create the perfect palette to develop the painting skills that we learned last half term. We will also be learning to use a paint programme on the computer to produce beautiful Spring flowers using our new skills.

Building on our construction work last half term we will continue to explore the use of split pins and treasury tags to make things with moving parts. I wonder what we could make from 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' this half term?

We will be learning Easter Songs this term and learning how to make music and experiment with diverse ways of changing music.