

Personal, Social and Emotional Development:

This half term we will be helping the children to settle into their new classes. We will be focusing on developing relationships with their new teachers and peers. We will be supporting the children in forming friendships with each other, this plays a crucial part in the Early Years curriculum, especially this time of the year. We will be working with the children to help develop their understanding of the boundaries and expectations in order to keep everyone safe and happy.

Mathematics:

Throughout the Early Years the children will have daily opportunities to exploring mathematically. The children will be exploring numbers and earning the value of small numbers. They will have lots of practical opportunities to develop accurate 1:1 counting skills. In Space, Shape and Measure, we will be focusing on exploring the environment and using mathematical language.

Communication and Language

At this early part in the year it is essential for the children to begin to develop and deepen their communication skills, to help them to express their needs, wants and feelings with both the adults and peers. To enable this, we will be providing opportunities for children to explore a language rich environment; sharing stories, rhymes and songs daily; exposing the children to a wide and varied vocabulary to enable them to extend their own language.

Pre-School & Reception

This half term our topic is: **People Who Help Us**



Expressive Arts and Design:

This half term will be developing our creative skills through colour mixing (we will get messy!) and loose parts play. The children will be observing themselves and will have the opportunity to represent their image and their family, using different media. We will be supporting the children's pretend play, developing their role play skills, focusing on their own experiences in school and a home, including People Who Help Us role play.

Understanding the World:

This half term we will be learning about People Who Help Us. We will start the term focusing on ourselves and our families, then widening out our knowledge into the community. We are planning opportunities for the children to interact with a variety of People Who Help Us in the community. Towards the end the half term we will be observing the seasonal changes occurring in the Autumn time. We will end the term celebrating the festival of Harvest.

Physical Development:

When children start school, they need to develop their independence skills, e.g. toileting and getting dressed by themselves and organising their own belongings. This half term we will be encouraging the children to use the toilet independently; putting on their jumpers, coats and taking their shoes on and off. The Reception children will participate in two PE sessions a week led by the Sports 4 All coaches, during which the children have the opportunity to develop their coordination and join in with team building skills. Across the Early Years, through our continuous provision all children we will have the opportunity to develop their gross motor skills.

Literacy:

This half term we will be helping to develop the children's love of books, and rhymes. We will be developing the children's mark making skills, starting by ascribing meanings to marks. During this half term children in Reception will start the Read, Write Inc phonics programme. This will focus on learning the single sounds of the alphabet and the corresponding letter formation. Alongside this the children will be taught how to orally blend sounds together to say the word.

Here are the key books we will be reading this half term:

