

RECEPTION

UMBRELLA TOPIC: WEATHER & SEASONS

AUTUMN

Know Me to Teach Me

Children will settle into school, feeling safe and secure in their environment and building relationships with adults and children in their class. They will identify and share their likes and dislikes. Children will know who is in their family and begin to identify their extended family or special people in their lives. They will explore both their indoor and outdoor learning environments, developing their confidence and skill using the different equipment. Through this, they will develop their gross and fine motor skills, which will support their mark making and writing development throughout the year.

Celebrating with My Community

Children will know who is in their family and be able to talk about some of the things that make them and their family unique and special. They will identify some of the similarities and differences between them and their family and the wider community. Children will share some of the special times and festivals they celebrate and the ways that they celebrate them. They will also learn about festivals that others celebrate and the different ways that they are celebrated. Children will be able to talk about seasonal change in their community. For example, they will be able to discuss festivals of light which take place in the autumn and winter seasons when it is dark.

WHAT WE'RE WORKING TOWARDS

PERSONAL, SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

We learn to cooperate and collaborate to keep play going. We can talk about our own feelings and also notice others' feelings and try to help them. We get emotional support and practical help from adults when we need it and join in with discussions about how to resolve conflict. We persevere in our own learning. We describe ourselves in positive terms, knowing what we are good at and what we need to do next. If someone is new to our class, we are welcoming towards them. We talk about our class rules and how they keep us safe. We can also follow basic hygiene practices and make some healthy choices. In class, we know where to find the resources we need.

COMMUNICATION & LANGUAGE

We read a range of stories and rhymes. We learn to retell a story in sequence and can understand and respond to humour in some of them. We listen to, show interest in and respond to others' ideas and, in two-channelled interactions, focus on the topic of conversation. We follow on from what the other person has said and can link statements, sticking to a main theme. We are also learning that some words have two meanings (for example, 'orange'). In our play, we introduce storylines or narratives and are increasingly confident using language in social situations.

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

We move in different ways like running, skipping, hopping, jumping or rolling and learn to balance on one foot. When we play chasing or racing games, we can slow down or change the way we're going so that we don't bump into things. We use a range of tools like scissors, cutters, paintbrushes, pens or bricks to make things we want. We can make anticlockwise circle marks and lines that go up and down and can write more letters with increasing accuracy.



LITERACY

We learn to orally blend CVC words. We hear and use some initial sounds in our reading and writing. We know that writing goes from left to right and use our phonics knowledge to start to write labels and captions. We have a comfortable grip with good control when holding pens and pencils and form letters with increasing accuracy. After listening to a story, we incorporate increasing detail when discussing the setting, characters and events. Our speech is shaped by our reading experiences. We apply our understanding of stories in our play. We can also respond to factual information that has been read to us.

MATHS

We learn the key times of the day, class routines and where things belong. Through this, we develop our positional and time-related language. We learn how to represent and compare the numbers to three and to make them in different ways. We then learn to represent numbers to five and to find one more or less than a given number to five. We compare the size, mass and capacity of objects, explore patterns and learn about circles, triangles and shapes with four sides.



UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD

We understand that the world needs to be looked after and that not all environments are the same. We notice the seasons and how they and the weather change. We talk about special places and why they are special. We also understand that not all people are the same and that some people have different beliefs and celebrate special times in different ways. We discuss things that have happened in our past and are beginning to understand that some things happened a long time ago.



EXPRESSIVE ARTS & DESIGN

We are beginning to develop our own ideas when creating with different materials and make increasingly complex structures using construction, loose parts or small world and use them to support our story-telling. Our play is starting to have a storyline. We make music in a range of ways. We are beginning to express our thoughts and feelings through dance, music, drama and visual arts.