

YEAR GROUP OVERVIEW

Nursery – Spring 2

Topic – My World, Your World

My World, Your World This half term we will be looking at ourselves, our families and any pets we have. We will look at our community, environment and our wider world. We will celebrate special occasions including Mother's Day and Easter.

Communication and Language (Speaking and Listening)

Communication and language are fundamental parts of early years development. To encourage and develop their skills we will be continuing to introduce weekly 'wondrous words' that are linked to the fiction or non-fiction book that we will be reading that week. This aims to introduce new vocabulary enabling the children to build on their existing vocabulary.

Children will continue to develop skills to use longer sentences, talk about something that has happened yesterday and ask and answer lots of questions.

We will also be continuing to use snack time as a rich source of communication skills by interacting with each other and using good manners.

Literacy (Reading and Writing)

Children will enjoy listening and taking part in a range of stories specially picked for the topic such as We are family, The Trouble with Grandad, Only One You, Aaarrgghh Spider and Weather. We will continue to look at books and understand that they can give us information.

We will be introducing rhythm and rhyme by pointing out and asking children if they can hear the rhyming words in stories, games and rhyming strings.

On World Book Day we will encourage children to bring in their favourite story from home to share with their friends in Early Years.

Children will have plenty of opportunities to continue to develop their marking making skills in a variety of ways. We will encourage children to identify what their paintings or drawings mean.

Maths (Number and Shape, Space and Measure)

In Maths we will be sorting and categorising objects according to properties such as shape or size, and exploring capacity using language such as full, empty and half full. We will continue to develop and embed language relating to size by ordering different objects and using a range of mathematical wondrous words such as small, tiny, large, tall, shorter and taller.

Children will continue to develop their subitizing skills to 5. Subitizing is the ability to look at a small set of objects and instantly know how many there is without counting.

Personal Development (P.S.H.E.)

In PSHE children will build on their relationships with peers, playing cooperatively and further develop turn taking skills. We continue to support children in showing an understanding their feelings and the feelings of others. Children will have daily opportunities to try out new activities showing confidence, independence and resilience.

Understanding the World (Geography, History, Science and Computing)

In Understanding the World, children will continue to learn how to respect and care for the environment and all living things including pets.

Children will learn about their bodies by naming key body parts and exploring their five senses. We will continue to learn about staying healthy by eating well, getting a good night sleep, washing our hands and exercising regularly.

Children will investigate their family tree; talking about who lives in their house, and who is part of their extended family. Children will be encouraged to share photographs of their family members including their pets.

We will also be looking for seasonal changes by identifying signs of Spring in the outdoor classroom and school grounds.

Expressive Arts (Art and Music)

This half term we will enjoy designing and creating pieces of artwork linked to some of our special celebrations, such as Pancake Day and World Book Day.

We will paint self-portraits and create models of houses, adding pictures of our own family. We will create collages by tearing and cutting different sized pieces of material and explore creating and painting with colours we have mixed.

Physical Development (P.E.)

We will continue to enjoy regular Dough Disco and Squiggle While You Wiggle to promote both fine and gross motor skills.

Children will develop their fundamental movement skills through the topic 'All About Me'. Fundamental skills will include balancing, running, changing direction, jumping, hopping and travelling. Children will develop gross motor skills through a range of activities. They will learn how to stay safe using space, follow rules and instructions, and work independently and with a partner.

Nursery children will also be encouraged to put on their own wellies, coats and waterproof clothing when needed and to continue to be independent and well mannered at snack time.

Religious Education (R.E.)

As our topic is My World, Your World, we will learn about the world being a special place and understand that there are many different cultures that are not all the same as ours. We will be sharing and talking about our favourite books. As we will be looking at many different special books from different religions and see how they differ from books we might normally see. Within this half term, we will also be finding out about the Christian celebration of Easter and traditions around this festival.