

Spring Term 1 2024

COMMUNICATION & LANGUAGE

This half term the children will continue to listen to lots of stories, including One Snowy Night, The 3 Billy Goat's Gruff and Millie's Marvellous Hat. We will create our own story maps. The role play area will provide a stimulus for language development and will include a winter/polar area. The children will have the opportunity to talk about books and pictures linked to our topics.

LITERACY

We will continue consolidating the children's knowledge of the Phase 2 sounds and move into Phase 3 which will include more digraphs such as 'ai' and 'ee'. The children will read in a group and then take the book home. Our writing will also link to our topics and we will be learning how to spell some of the common exception words such as 'the', 'to' etc.

UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD

We will talk about how we celebrated Christmas and explore some similarities and differences. We will also explore the season of Winter and make comparisons with other seasons. We will learn about some hot and cold places and make comparisons, including comparing to our local area.

PERSONAL, SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

This half term we will continue to explore 'Growth Mindset' through the characters in the classroom. We will be talking about New Year and thinking about 'resolutions/targets for the class and ourselves'. We will focus on activities that include friendship and working together. When exploring Winter we will talk about keeping safe. The children will continue to learn about keeping safe on the internet.

Tell Me a Story (Winter, Hot/cold places, 3 Billy Goat's Gruff, Millie's Marvellous Hat)

EXPLORING MEDIA & MATERIALS

We will continue to explore using paint and add white to make different shades of colour. The children will explore Kerala Mural paintings and design and make their own hat. The children will learn songs and explore musical elements using 'Charanga' our music scheme.

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

We will continue to work on fine motor activities in our 'Funky Fingers' activities and will use the outdoor toys to improve our gross motor skills. Correct letter formation will continue to be a focus. PE lessons are on Thursdays and the children will also swim/take part in PE every Tuesday. The children will continue to practise doing up their zips and buttons independently.

MATHS

This half term we will continue to use the Mastering Number programme, along with White Rose Maths. The children will develop their understanding of numbers of 5/10 through comparing them and learning how they are composed (3 plus 2 equals 5 etc). The children will learn about mass and capacity. They will also explore length and height.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

This half term the children will look at the topic 'Galilee to Jerusalem' from the Diocese planning. We will start by looking at the visit of the wise men. Then we will explore how Jesus welcomes and takes care of everyone. Finally, the children will learn about how Jesus wants us to take care of everyone and share what we have.