

What a Wonderful World!



Summer 2023 Reception

Traditional Tales

Life Cycles, Mini-beasts and Animals



Activities in Reception

Activities are planned for individual children's interests and abilities taking into account the Seven Areas of Learning as set out in the Early Years Foundation Stage or EYFS. This year is about building firm foundations in your child's education upon which they will continue to build. They therefore, need to learn essential fundamentals; letter sounds and names, how to hold a pencil, shape names, numbers, how to socialise, how to play collaboratively, how to listen, how to build friendships and all of these plus many more, are learnt through the Seven Areas of Learning.

Communication and Language

Speaking in front of an audience, listening to each other, adults and visiting speakers, asking and answering questions to gain understanding and information, taking messages, role play, recalling information developing topic based vocabulary.

Develop role play area into a magical fairy-tale building.

Talk about a personal visit to a building e.g. castle, theatre, shop, church etc Retell stories with props/small world toys/puppets.

Talk about favourite traditional tale character.

Acting out stories.

Literacy

Reading Using Jolly Phonics, recognising "Tricky Words," reading all around us, individual reading using Jolly Phonics scheme books, book talk sessions in group reading. Continue to develop a love for books, stories, poems and information.

We will be focusing on some Traditional Tales for example The Gingerbread Man, The Little Red hen.

We will be learning about the author Eric Carle and enjoying his many stories based on mini-beasts: The Very Hungry Caterpillar, The Bad Tempered Ladybird, The Very Noisy Cricket and The Very Busy Spider.

We will also be using lots of information books to help us learn more about the world around us.

Writing Letter formation (handwriting , Jolly Phonics) word building, constructing a sentence and introducing punctuation, labelling and list writing, information writing linked to topic work, writing our own information books about insects and building confidence to write independently

Story telling - Create story sacks, puppets and story mobiles. Story stepping and mapping and writing letters and speech bubbles about different characters.

Mathematics

Number

Number recognition and formation 10-20, combining 2 sets of objects / numbers to find a total, counting along a number line, practical taking away activities, problem solving, doubling and halving.

Shape, Space and Measures

Days of the week, months of the year, seasons of the year, capacity, money, positional language.

2d and 3d shapes – naming and describing.

Expressive Art and Design

Create and explore a role play area, make music in response to, "The Creepy Crawly Calypso." Look at animal print, markings and camouflage, create patterns and look at symmetry. Learn some mini-beast songs

Create imaginary drawings and paintings of the different buildings that you find in Fairy Tales
Make and build castles, bridges and houses using a variety of resources.
Sing songs relating to traditional tales

Physical development

Fine motor practice- cutting, modelling, using tools for baking, play doh etc, daily 5 minutes on hand and finger strengthening activities, eg, dough disco, scissor control, pegs and peg boards.
Moving with control, awareness of space. Listening to instructions and carrying them out, becoming more independent with self-care – dressing and undressing for PE.
Healthy eating and drinking linked to caring for plants, animals and ourselves

Personal, Social, Emotional

What makes us special?
What makes the world special? Develop confidence and independence, awareness of boundaries and expectations, understanding the needs of others and how they may be different to our own.

Knowledge of the World

Explore the changing seasons, observe mini-beasts in their habitats, understand the needs of all living things, care for their own plant and caterpillar and observe and comment on the changes they witness.

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Embracing our values of the term – Wisdom and Honesty.