

Feeling Afraid



Literacy

In our Literacy sessions, children will be focusing on two texts- Room on a Broom and Stick Man. We will be acting out and re-telling the stories using puppets and props to help us. We will be applying the phonics that we have learnt to write words and simple captions. We will be identifying rhyming words and continuing a rhyming string to make silly potions to make our truly magnificent new brooms!

Numeracy

We will be learning about the numbers 1, 2 and 3, thinking about how these can be represented in different ways such as on dominoes, on our fingers, with Numicon or on dice. We will be comparing these numbers in terms of finding one less or one more and we will be looking at the different ways we can make 1,2 or 3. Later on in the term, we will move on to looking at 4 and 5, finding one more or one less and learning about time through 'day; and 'night'. We will be learning about shapes too with the number of sides linked to our number work.

Phonics

This half term we will be learning the following sounds and **tricky words**:

Week 1: g o c k recap l

Week 2: ck e u r **no go**

Week 3: h b f ff l ll ss **to, into, the**

Week 4: Assess and Review

Week 5: j v w x **he, she**

Week 6: y z zz qu ch The Alphabet song

Week 7: sh th/th ng **we, me, be**

The new sounds and words will be coming home on a Friday so watch out in bookbags. Children will be applying their phonics knowledge to make simple regular words using magnetic letters and letter cards. We will continue to be providing lots of opportunities to play games to develop an awareness of rhyme, and blending and segmenting sounds in words both indoors and outside.

Physical Development

This half term we will be working hard on our scissor control and using tools for a particular purpose. We are still building on the children's independence getting ourselves dressed and doing up their own coats.

PE

Our focus for our PE lessons this half term is still Core skills. Through stories and games the children will be learning different Dynamic balances and agility. We will be focussing on showing an awareness of the effects on their body during exercise and thinking of ways they can keep themselves fit and healthy.

PSHE:

The children will be sharing how they celebrate different festivals during the half term.

SEAL 'Getting on & Falling Out'

The SEAL theme for this part of term is 'Getting on and Falling out'. We will be focusing on friendships and working together as a part of a group or class, taking turns and sharing fairly. The children will be given tasks to work together in small groups or with a partner to develop their understanding that there needs to be agreed values and codes of behaviour in order for people to work together harmoniously.

Understanding the World

We will be finding out about Recycling and Global warming, and how we can make changes in school and the impact of human activity. We will look at the human impact on the school grounds and how we can improve it. We will be getting out into the woods litter picking and observing seasonal changes as we move into winter.

This half term we will be exploring light and dark, with torches, making shadow puppets and setting up a dark room to explore materials that shine. We will find out what nocturnal means and which animals are nocturnal.

Exploring Media and materials

As we approach the festive season we will be busy practising for the Christmas Sing song.

In a TASC Wheel (Thinking actively in a social context), the children will be designing and making a shiny Christmas tree decoration. They will first need to test materials to see which are the shiniest (lots of fun with torches and dark rooms!) and then design the shape and colour of their decoration, thinking about how they will make it shine! Finally, they will evaluate their design and think about how they could have made it even better.

Music

Children will continue having weekly music sessions with Mrs Kerr. This half term they will focus on singing simple songs with actions using their voices and instruments to explore sounds. We will continue to work on our listening skills and responding to the beat.

This half term we will be looking at different Artists to inspire our artwork such as Jackson Pollock's splatter paintings and Van Gogh's Starry Night. Our Jackson Pollock inspired paintings will then be transformed into moving Firework pictures. We will learn how to make a spinner, slider, lever and the children will decide which techniques they want to use on their final outcome.

You can help your child at home by:

- Practise writing the spellings sent home; l, no, to, go, the, into
- Practise the sounds and words sent home each week.
- Encouraging your child to get dressed independently, and be responsible for their own items.
- Reading daily bedtime stories, talking about the plot and making predictions what might happen next.

