

All About Me

In this topic the children will learn about who everyone is in our class and the people who are part of our families.

The children will have the opportunity to share their experiences with the class using their own photos during 'Show and Tell'. The children will be encouraged to discuss their feelings and work together during small group activities. The children will use their creative skills to create a portrait painting of their class friends. During the term the children will focus on writing their names using the correct letter formations.

Animals In this topic the children will learn about animals and how to look after them through traditional tales such as 'The Three Little Pigs' and factual information. The children will investigate animal habitats and their basic needs thinking about any similarities and differences. The children will also begin to count numbers to 20 during maths activities. They will look at the order of numbers and say one more and one less than a given number.

Space

In this topic the children will explore Space. Whole class reading will look at 'Whatever Next' and 'Aliens Love Underpants'.

The children will be introduced to 2D shapes and explore how they could be used to create their own rockets. They will use their understanding of the world to discuss why it is difficult to live in space and why an astronaut needs a special suit. The small world area will provide children with the opportunity to create their own space themed stories.

Reception

Mathematics

We link all of our Maths learning to our current topics. Our Maths focus this term will be recognising numbers and different counting activities (to 10 initially then beyond). We will start to estimate 'how many' then count to check and introducing some mathematical language including 'more' and 'fewer'; finding 'one more' or 'one less' than a group of objects. We will look at 2D and 3D shapes (naming, sorting and describing shapes) and make patterns with objects and shapes.

Day and night

This topic is all about exploring changes and why we have daytime and night time. We will think about our routines in the morning and in the evening and the importance of getting a good night's sleep. We will create pictures using our knowledge of the sky at day and night and be thinking of the colours we should use.

Festivals and celebrations

In this topic, we will be looking at different festivals and celebrations that people observe throughout the year. These will include Christmas, Bonfire Night, Halloween and Diwali. We will be learning about why and how they are celebrated as well as creating our own decorations and food tasting. We will be listening to other people's experiences of these celebrations and talking about why they are important.

Autumn

In this topic, we will be making observations of how this season affects our environment (the leaves changing colours and falling, the temperature, the weather). We will make outdoor pictures using things we find outside and carefully choosing Autumnal colours in our drawings and paintings. We will describe the things we see.

Physical Education

In PE this term we will be learning to move in different ways, adjusting speed and direction using the indoor and outdoor spaces. We will be developing gross motor skills with throwing and catching different sized objects.

We will teach the children how to use all of the equipment safely as well as to be aware of the environment around them.