

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will be spending this half term getting to know your child and ensuring they are happy and settled in school. We will use our 'Marvellous Me' topic to find out all about what makes them special. We will talk about similarities and differences between ourselves and others. We will celebrate diversity.

We will introduce the school's values alongside the zones of regulation as a vocabulary for discussing feelings and behaviour.

We will introduce the daily rules, routines and expectations of school such as always listening, using kind words, hands and feet and understanding the right to learn and play.

At Home

Help your child prepare their 'special box' to share with their teachers and peers.

Marvellous Me

Reception - Autumn 1
Prime Areas



Physical Development

We will develop your child's movement skills through a range of gross and fine motor activities including finger gym activities and daily 'wake and shake' brain gym. We will develop early marking making skills by encouraging your child to explore different media including sand, water, rice, paint, gloop and foam.

Your child will have the opportunity to experiment with different ways of moving their bodies by joining in with a weekly yoga session.

Your child will begin to learn how to control an object when using the bikes and scooters in our outside area.

At Home

Please continue to practise taking clothes on and off, doing up buttons and zips on coats to encourage independence.

Communication, Language and Literacy

We will aim to develop speaking and listening skills through a range of daily activities including circle times and talk partners. We will develop our language skills by retelling nursery rhymes and poems orally.

Your child will listen, respond and orally retell familiar stories and themed poems.

Your child will develop their imaginative language and story-telling skills in our role play areas.

We will work on developing your child's listening and attention skills by teaching active listening skills.

At Home

Please work with us to encourage your child to 'use their words to say what they want to' and play simple listening games such as 'Simon says' to support good listening.

Marvellous Me

Literacy

Your child will develop their literacy skills through a balance of direct teaching, adult led and child initiated activities in the provision. They will take part in a daily phonics lesson to develop their recognition of the sounds and letters as well as working on their segmenting and blending skills. We will focus on these phase 2 graphemes; **s,a,t,p,i,n,m,d,g,o,c,k,ck,e,u,r,h,b,f,l**,
The tricky words for this term are; **is, I, the**

We will develop your child's segmenting skills by encouraging them to hear and write the initial sounds in simple words. We also work on name recognition.

We will work on developing pencil grip and control. We will support them when learning how to read and write their name using correct letter formation.

At Home

Practise name writing at home and refer to the sound booklets each week to help your child learn their new sound.

Mathematics

Your child will have many opportunities to develop their 'number sense' and counting skills through songs, rhymes and games. We will be working on developing an understanding of the counting principles as a way of building the foundations for future number work.

They will have lots of opportunities to match, sort and compare amounts. They will also be exploring shape, patterns and measure in their play.

At Home

Continue to sing number rhymes and songs to help your child develop their counting skills and ensure they say each number name clearly. Encourage them to count out objects carefully by lining them up, and only counting each object once. Make sure they say the numbers in the correct order and understand that the number name assigned to the final object in the group is the total number of objects in that group.

Understanding the World

We will support your child to develop their awareness of the world around them. They will explore the school environment by going on a tour of the school grounds. We will explore the concept of 'then' and 'now' when sharing our special boxes. We will look at seasonal changes by using our daily weather and seasons chart. We will look out for signs of Autumn and by celebrating Harvest.

We will use our topic to talk about what makes each of us special and unique and considering where we belong. We will look at our families and explore the religious beliefs of ourselves and those of others.

Expressive Arts and Design

Your child will experiment with different media and materials including printing, painting and modelling. We will introduce loose parts and encourage your child to use simple joins when junk modelling using tape and glue.

We will also learn nursery rhymes and Harvest songs with actions.

Artist focus - Jackson Pollock - Splatter paintings, Kandinsky - Circles and Triangles