

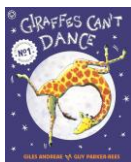
Literacy

This term, our Literacy lessons will focus on learning more about ourselves.

We will be discussing how we feel as we read stories such as Faces and The Everywhere Bear.

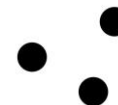
We will be exploring friendships and being kind through the story, Giraffes Can't Dance.

We will be talking about our families and how they differ from one another when we read The Family book. We will be learning how to form some of our letters this term and developing our writing skills through writing out name and short three-letter words. **You may wish to practise name writing and letter formation at home to best support your child's learning.**



Maths

Whilst we are settling into school, the children will join in with lots of different counting songs to help them develop their familiarity with numbers. The children will be introduced to lots of different maths resources available in the classroom and how these can be used within their play.



We will start to subitise within 3 and focus on our counting skills. Children will look at the numbers 3 and 4 and find out what they are made from. They will also begin to use the language of comparison, finding more than and fewer than.

Phonics

Whilst we are settling in, we will be completing Rhyme Time. This is about listening to sounds. Children will also learn about rhyming sounds and identifying familiar sounds, e.g. animal noises and musical instruments. We will also be practising our oral blending skills. This is where an adult will sound out a word and the children will blend it together. For example "Go and find your c-oa-t." You may find it useful to try this at home.

When children have settled in, they will take part in daily Phase 2 phonics lessons where they will begin to learn the single sounds that letters make and they will also be introduced to tricky words (words we cannot sound out).

Please ensure you are practicing these sounds daily using the..., to ensure your child keeps up with the fast-paced nature of these sessions. We will also communicate via Class Dojo with you about our sounds of the week.

Communication and Language

This term we will be learning about listening. We will learn about what makes a good listener and how we can listen to others. We will take part in listening walks around the school to see what we can hear and see if we can tune into the sounds that we can hear.



We will be learning how to sit on the carpet ready for good listening and how to respond to the classroom bells, which means we need to stop and listen. These listening skills will help us to be ready to learn and develop important routines as we build the skills needed to take part in small, adult-led discussions, supporting the development of our speaking skills.

Physical Development

Gross motor skills: Our PE lessons this half term will be on a **Tuesday** and **Thursday**. Our PE lessons will focus on developing our gross motor skills this term. We will be learning how to run, skip, hop and jump effectively as well as balancing to develop our stability and control. We will also have activities in our outdoor environment to help us develop the larger muscles in our arms and core which will help support our fine motor skills later in the year.

Fine motor skills: This term we will be beginning to learn how to write, starting with pre-writing shapes before moving on to letter formation. It is therefore vital that we begin to develop our fine motor skills. The fine motor area in our classroom will be set up with all sorts of exciting activities, from jigsaw puzzles to threading and sorting using tweezers.

Expressive arts and Design

Art: This half term, we will be learning about mark making. During this, children will use a range of drawing materials, art application techniques, mixed media scraps and modelling materials to create child-led art. They will also begin to develop their observational skills e.g. using mirrors to include the main features of faces. Children will talk about their artwork and begin to form opinions by explaining why.



Music: This half term, with Mrs Craven, the children will explore music through singing, movement and playing simple percussion instruments. They will enjoy a variety of rhymes, songs and action songs linked to autumn and seasonal celebrations, including music about falling leaves and fireworks. Children will develop their listening skills, sense of pulse, and confidence in joining in with musical activities.

Understanding the World

Our topic this term is We are Unique. As part of our settling into school, we will complete activities focused on 'all about me', to help us all get to know each other.

We will be learning about our families and the people around us and having discussions about what is special to each of us.



In RE, the children will be learning about who lives in their community. They will also learn about some of the special places within their community.



Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This term is all about making friends and settling into school. We will be learning about the rules and expectations in school as well as learning about how we should behave in the classroom, such as being kind to others and respecting our environment. We will be learning about the school day routines and getting used to the big change that all of the children are experiencing. We will be learning about friendships, including making friends, what makes a good friend and how to share things effectively. We will also be discussing how our actions make others feel and how we can be good friends to the children in the class.

