

Literacy – Reading and Writing

The children will still be partaking in daily phonics lessons to help them learn new sounds and the corresponding written representation. New sounds will be introduced such as 'oo' and 'er'. In our writing focused sessions, we will be exploring stories with a focus on people who help us for example, 'Daisy Doctor' and 'Burglar Bill'. To support the use of phonics in writing, the children will be making lots of signs, labels and posters that link to our 'People Who Help Us' theme. During the children's discovery time, they will complete many activities that support the development of their fine motor skills.

Maths – Number, Shape, Space and Measure

In the spring term we will be focusing on the place value of numbers beyond 10, particularly the teens numbers to 20. The children will use concrete apparatus to help them understand the concept of addition, subtraction and doubling and halving. Later on the spring term, the children will explore capacity, looking at comparing measures using comparative vocabulary.

Communication and Language

During snack time, the children will take part in language based activities. These range from question and answer games to discussing interesting photos or re-telling real life events.

How you can help at home

- Remember to read with or to your child **at least 3 times a week**. Check inside your child reading journal for further tips and tricks to support their reading!
- Write whenever you get the opportunity! Write little notes, make signs and labels or shopping lists. Don't worry about perfect spelling, encourage to child to write the sounds that they can hear.

Year R Topic Map

Physical Development

We will be working on gross motor skills in gymnastics such as jumping, rolling and balancing.

People Who Help Us!



Superheroes!

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Through an exciting role-play area and high quality texts, the children will be learning to respond sensitively to the needs of others. They will continue to learn to share and play games cooperatively. Additionally, the children will be discussing different emotions and appropriate behaviour.

Expressive Arts and Design

The children will be exploring colour mixing and expressing their ideas through the use of different media. We are lucky enough to have a visit from West Sussex Fire and Rescue Service so will be exploring lots of fiery pictures and colours! We will be reading 'The Jolly Postman' and designing and making our own postcards too!

Understanding the World

A number of exciting visits will occur as part of our 'People Who Help Us Theme'. These visits are designed to help the children understand about the role of people in the local and wider community. An inviting role play area will encourage the children to re-live through play, the different roles that other people do as a job such as fire and rescue workers, nurses, vets, dentists, doctors and the police. Later on in the term, we will be exploring Superheroes via a fantastic text called 'Supertato'. The children will learn about where their food comes from and what happens to plants if they are not looked after properly (rot and decay). The children will also visit Tesco to purchase their own 'Super Vegetable'!