



Topic Learning Letter

Early Years

Topic	Our topic this half term is ' <i>Marvellous Me.</i> ' We will be learning about each other as well as discovering more about ourselves and our families.
Launch and Land	<p>We will launch our topic by looking at photos of ourselves and creating a timeline. Through this we can talk about our families, friends, likes, and dislikes.</p> <p>To launch our Talk for Writing, we will investigate a crime scene left behind by Goldilocks...</p> <p>We will land the topic by having a Teddy Bear's picnic in the forest, enjoying delicious home made pumpkin soup linked to our core text.</p>
Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED)	In PSED this half-term, we will introduce Zones of Regulation where children will learn to identify their feelings and learn strategies to support regulating different emotions. We will also be celebrating starting school and focussing on getting to know each other; this will include familiarising ourselves with our new setting and environment. We will be learning about the school expectations, routines, responsibilities, and our rights.
Communication and Language	<p>This half-term, we will use <i>Listening Larry</i> to think about what it is to be good listener and how we can listen with our whole body.</p> <p>We will be discussing ourselves and learning each other's names. We will be focussing on developing positive relationships as we make new friends. We will also begin talking about our likes and dislikes and how we are all unique.</p>
Physical Development	We will have 2 PE sessions a week where we will be exploring a variety of equipment and working on our spatial awareness.
Expressive Arts and Design	<p>We will spend time getting to know each other's personalities through exploring the role-play, dressing up and storytelling.</p> <p>Giving the children freedom to choose colours, we will paint self-portraits to display in our environment.</p> <p>We will begin the half-term by getting to know our music teacher (Mrs. Fitt) and learning lots of nursery rhymes.</p>
Understanding the World	<p>Through creating our timelines, we will discuss 'How have I changed since I was a baby?'</p> <p>We will also celebrate special people in our lives and celebrate Harvest. We will explore different types of technologies e.g. The children will be able to explore the iPads, remote control cars, and Walkie Talkies.</p>
Literacy	In Literacy, we will learn the oral text based on the 'Three Bears'. As a class, we will write instructions and make porridge. We will also focus on rhyme and begin our phonics sessions. We will learn lots of new sounds through games and interactive lessons.
Maths	Through the half-term, we will be matching and sorting different objects. We will also be focusing on children developing a strong number sense by practising lots of different mathematical skills. E.g. subitising (seeing number patterns), counting, and composition.
Reminders	This year, our PE slots will be Tuesday morning (Mr Gilkes) , and Thursday afternoon (class teacher) . Your child will need to come into school in their PE kit on these days. A polite reminder that on these days, if your child does wear earrings, they will need to be removed.

If you have any questions or concerns at all, please talk to one of the Early Years Team.