



Theme: Our changing World



Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We continue to develop our approach to our learning; improving our focus within all our activities. We will be encouraged to challenge ourselves in all areas of our work. We will be working with a variety of people, in partnership, small and larger groups. The Commando Joe missions will help us to continue to work together and understand the importance of looking after our world.

Physical Development

Our PE sessions continue with Mr Brown on Thursdays and we also have Matthew teaching us cricket on Fridays for the first part of the term. This will allow us to continue to develop our balance, agility and co-ordination and apply them to a range of activities. We will continue to work on our fine and gross motor skills through active learning experiences, both inside and out. We will continue to develop our understanding of how to keep ourselves safe with a specific focus on safety in the sun and continued handwashing. We will be presented with opportunities to make healthy choices.

Communication and Language Development

Role play and storytelling will be a key part of our work this term. We will be linking our role play to a castle theme, enabling us to develop our communication skills including listening to our friends. We will use this to enhance our literacy. We continue to make time for stories, poems and songs as an important part of our learning through the day, giving us opportunities to predict, develop and change what we hear and enjoy. Our Commando Joe missions will help us continue to develop our communication skills.

Mathematics

We will be using our understanding of numbers to solve number problems, with a focus on multiples and sharing. We will develop the concept of 'estimation' as we continue to learn about the size of numbers. We will practise counting in 2s and 10s; count up and back from various starting numbers. We will look at and use numbers to help us understand about the different measures; with opportunities to compare capacity and mass as well as finding ways to measure and read o'clock times

Literacy

We continue to use RWI and move through the Set 2 sounds. We will continue to be introduced to and practise the many 'digraphs'/'Special Friends'. We will continue to become brave in having a go at using our sounds in our writing, through both child initiated play and more formal activities. We will practise our segmenting of sounds which are in words which we wish to write, and blending the sounds as we work out words we wish to read. We will use the theme of 'castles' and 'looking after our world' to enhance our desire to read and write; writing stories and poems as well as instructions on growing plants.

Understanding of the World

As the seasons change from spring to summer, we will be enjoying observing the changes which take place. We will have opportunities to plant and care for seeds; making observations and talking about what is happening. In RE we will begin to explore the faith of Islam. We will be looking for similarities and differences to the Christian faith, learning about the Islamic holy book and place of worship. We will enjoy learning about the past as we consider castles and what they were for. We will look at the famous explorer Christopher Columbus and enjoy looking at and creating maps. We will be looking at and comparing different materials and considering ideas linked with recycling and why this is important. We will have the opportunity to develop our ICT skills as we use the interactive board in our learning, program the 'Beebots' to do as we ask, use the iPad to record our activities and enjoy using computer programs to develop our learning.

Expressive Arts and Design

We will continue to be encouraged to create things which interest us, developing our ideas as we come across problems and reflect on how to make improvements. We will continue to try out different techniques which we can explore further, using them to enhance our art and designs. We will use our design skills to make castle structures as well as musical instruments. We will look at pictures by famous artists and have fun trying to make our own versions. Role play will promote our story telling as we develop narratives through our play. There will be opportunities to join in and express ourselves through songs, dance and performances.