

Theme: Near and Far

EASTER

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This area of learning is of great importance in the Early Years. We continue to spend a lot of time being given opportunities to learn together and on our own, building on the school's behaviour expectations and core values. We will be working with various partners and in small groups; practicing listening to the thoughts of others as well as sharing our own. We continue to understand and experience what being part of a class requires and how our behaviours can impact on our friends around us. Commander Joe missions will help us develop our understanding of friendship and teamwork as well as the value of making mistakes.

Physical Development

This term we will expand on our precision of writing; continuing to practicing forming our letters and numbers correctly. We continue to use a variety of tools such as rulers, paint brushes and scissors in the classroom; developing our fine motor skills. Our Gross motor skills will be developed through taking part in our weekly gymnastics and after half-term football; as well as the use of our outdoor environment. We continue to be given the opportunity to make choices linked to risk taking and reflecting on the choices made. As we explore the outdoor world we will continue to think about taking care of ourselves through on going hygiene; particularly good hand-washing; considering other ways to keep healthy.

Communication and Language Development

We will be exploring information linked to our world; in particular the Arctic, Antarctic and outer space. It will be fun to listen to stories, as well as digest information from varied sources. We will be able to listen to and help create poems, as well as adapt the stories we hear. We will have the opportunity to talk things we find out about both near and far.

Mathematics

It is fun to learn both inside and outside in Maths. We will take as many opportunities as possible to do this. We continue to develop our understanding of number and how we can use them to solve problems. We will practice our precision in counting objects and actions, working at a level which is appropriate to us as an individual. We will be challenged to count in different ways; 2s and 10s; counting back as well as forwards at every opportunity. Through the term we will be able to develop our measuring and weighing skills using both non-standard and standard units. In addition we will continue to learn about money and coins.

Literacy

Our RWI phonics continues as we learn more sounds to use in our writing and reading. As we gain in confidence with our sounds we will be able to access the school's PM Reading Scheme. We require a lot of bravery now to help us move forward in both reading and writing. We will have many opportunities to write; with practice of where we should start to write on a page as well as the importance of leaving spaces between our words. We will be learning alphabet songs to help learn the 'names' of the letters. In addition we will expand our knowledge of capital letters and matching them to the lowercase graphemes. We will experience a variety of texts from poetry and information texts through to story and bossy instructions!

Understanding of the World

As winter moves to spring we will spend time experiencing and talking about the changes which take place. We will practice the order of the seasons as well as the days of the week. We will continue to observe the weather as we enjoy winter and move into spring. We will be linking with both aspects of our world close at hand and those areas which are farther afield with a particular consideration of cold regions of our globe; looking at how and why the wildlife and plant life varies from those found in our locality. We will be encouraged to ask questions and share our ideas about what we discover. We will continue to use our technology to enhance our learning and record our findings. Keeping ourselves safe while using the internet, is always a major focus. In RE we will continue to look at Christianity; listening to stories linked to Jesus and consider why they are important to Christians. We will end our term focussing on the celebration of Easter.

Expressive Arts and Design

Our 'Near and far' theme gives us lots of opportunities to develop our creative and design skills. We will be using tools to shape, mould and texture as well as different materials to join and add effect. We will have time to use our creative ideas to design and create animals, rockets and aliens while also developing our observational skill and control as we draw and paint. In music we will be exploring how we play instruments and creating compositions together; continuing with copy-cat rhythms and melodies; thinking about how we can change sounds to express feelings and movement.