

Exploring nature



EYFS – Spring 2 2023-2024

FOCUS CURRICULUM PRINCIPLES -

Challenging, engaging, motivating.

Promotes independence and curiosity.



COMMUNICATION AND LANGUAGE

THE POWER OF TALK AND CONVERSATION.

Using stories and circle time to listen to others and explain our ideas.

Beginning to use more complex sentences through our talk and structuring our talk to show awareness of listener's needs. Building up vocabulary that links to our experiences and use language to recreate roles in our play. Celebrating new word discoveries and word use.

Physical Development

Continuing to Develop gross motor skills and upper body strength and the coordination of large and small movements.

Good hygiene - ongoing.

To explore the importance of good diet and exercise for healthy bodies and lifestyles.

PERSONAL, SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Develop confidence to try new things and to select resources with independence.

We will be extending our work on friendships to delve deeper into how our words and behavior impacts upon those around us.

Extending conversation to support relationships.

LITERACY

To listen and join in with stories and poems. Develop a love of reading and interest in books as sources of information/enjoyment. Answer and ask questions about what is read and use familiar story structures and characters in our own play and story telling. Applying phonics by developing skills of segmenting (for spelling CVC words) and blending (for reading). Applying phonics to write in sentences and longer pieces. To recognise some tricky words from sight and use in own writing. Explore writing through in the moment opportunities in play - building accuracy with letter formations.

MATHS

Consolidating numbers to 10 whilst expanding our awareness of numbers to 20 for counting. Understanding the value, order and meaning behind the digit. Where do we see these numbers in real life? How are they used? How are values represented in different ways with concrete apparatus? Building oral fluency and number formation in written work.

Subitising number.

Exploring shapes and pattern

UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD

Understanding and celebrating the uniqueness of each other. Respecting difference.

Making observations of the changing seasons and features of our local environment.

Sharing news of family traditions and customs.

EXPRESSIVE ARTS AND DESIGN

Exploring music, dance and instruments - using dried grains and pulses to make our own instruments.

Expressing our ideas through art, colour manipulation, different materials and construction.

Use imaginative play to develop stories and narratives.

OVERVIEW

With the better weather upon us soon and the beautiful spring flowers now starting to bloom it is a wonderful time of year to get outside and to enjoy nature. When we asked the children what they wanted to learn about in our Spring 2 half term, they wanted to learn about butterflies and birds, dinosaur skeletons and fossils, dinosaur museums, hot and cold investigation, flowers and crystals.

During the half term we will also be making links to themes appropriate to the time of year. We will be celebrating Easter in RE and in worships. We are sure the children will take our learning in lots of different directions but we look forward to another busy half term together.

KEY DATES

Tuesday and Wednesday - PE days.

Monday morning- Forest School.

Friday - Show and Tell

Thursday 7th March - World Book Day - children are invited to bring in their favourite story from home to share with peers.

w/b 26th February parent meetings

Trip to Dinosaur Isle Friday 22nd March

VALUES/RE

Value - Relationships.

RE - Celebrating New Life.

HOMETASK

Reading - please initial in the reading records when you have been able to read at home. We cannot express enough what a difference regular reading will make to your child's success at school. Reading underpins learning across all areas of the curriculum so please take opportunities to read school books and/or story books you have at home. Enjoy reading to your child as well as supporting them to read to you.

Board games and jigsaw puzzles are incredible resources for developing practical mathematical skills so take opportunities on wet weekends to indulge in a family game or jigsaw.