Foundation Curriculum Overview

Autumn Term 2 2026-2027

Phonics

This term we will be continuing to teach daily phonics sessions using the Read, Write Inc scheme. Children will begin to learn phonics in groups based on their next steps in phonics; these groups will be led by a member of the Foundation team. Children will be practising using their phonic knowledge to blend words orally e.g. b-a-g, bag and then to read these words independently. We will learn to segment and sound out CVC words (e.g. hat, pen etc.) We will begin to develop our letter formation starting with the 'ladder letter family' – i, l, t, j, u, y.

Literacy

This term we will continue to read a range of stories. We will learn to retell some familiar stories in a more simplified format. We will continue to learn new poems and recite them as a class. We will use story maps and actions as prompts to support children with their oral retelling of stories. Story time will continue to be a daily part of our routine; we will read a range of stories to develop children's vocabulary and build a love of books and reading. Some key texts will be: The best Diwali ever, Once there were giants and Dear Santa.

Maths

We will consolidate our learning about numbers to 5 – subitising (recognising amounts without counting), comparing quantities and using the vocabulary of more, fewer and equal. Children will begin to learn about how the whole can be made up of smaller parts. They will investigate how the different numbers up to 5 can be composed. Children will begin to rote count using larger numbers to help them link the number order when counting to larger numbers.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This term in Think Equal, we will be exploring our own feelings and the feelings of others, celebrating diversity and exploring setting goals and working towards achieving these. We will learn through stories and expand our range of emotions words.

Communication and Language

We will continue to encourage children to speak in full sentences when sharing their thoughts and ideas. We will also continue to introduce new vocabulary throughout the term across the curriculum and encourage the children to use this vocabulary in their play and in their conversations with their friends and adults.

Understanding the World

We will talk about a range of different celebrations from different cultures such as Diwali, Birthdays and Christmas. For our history topic, we will explore how children have grown and changed within their lifetime and also look at how our parents have changed since they were children. (We will be asking for photos of parents and children when they were younger.)

Physical Development

Children will continue to have daily opportunities to develop their gross and fine motor skills by accessing a range of resources, such as the trim trail, scoops and bean bags/balls for gross motor development and tweezers and threading for fine motor development. We will continue to have daily Squiggle While You Wiggle sessions to develop the children's gross motor skills. We will have weekly PE sessions which will continue to develop our coordination and balance. In our weekly Outdoor learning sessions, we will be creating our own mud paint. We will also be looking at the artist Andy Goldsworthy and using his art as inspiration for our own pieces of outdoor art.

Expressive Arts and Design

Throughout this term we will continue to learn and practise using a range of different creative techniques and skills. We will also be exploring different materials and resources. This will include colour mixing using poster paints to explore shades of colours. We will also continue to design and create our own models using a wider range of recycled materials. Imaginative play will continue to be developed through various areas of our classrooms including the stage area, storytelling areas, small world and role play. We will also be learning to sing a range of familiar and new songs and perform these to an audience.

How I can support my child this term:

Please continue to use the Learning Partnership Planner to record your child's reading at home at least three times a week.

Please message us using Class Dojo should you have any questions or concerns.

Important information

Outdoor learning will continue to be on a Tuesday with Mrs Marples and Miss Riggs. PE will continue to be on a Thursday with a sports coach. Our library day will also be on a Thursday. Please can library books be returned to school on a Wednesday. Children will continue to receive reading homework each Friday. Please can all plastic homework folders be in bookbags on a Friday. Thank you.