

Theme: The Jolly Postman

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 practising listening to their thoughts and ideas as well as sharing our own. We continue to learn about and experience what being part of a class requires and how our behaviours can impact on our friends around us. We will be considering in RE how we can be of help to others.

Physical Development

This term we will expand on our precision of writing; continuing to practise how to form our letters and numbers correctly. Tools such as rulers, paint brushes and scissors will be freely used within the classroom; developing our fine motor skills. Our gross motor skills will develop further through our weekly gymnastics and ball skills sessions with Sam and Miss Alderslade. Swimming sessions continue as usual, challenging our dressing, and drying skills. Making good choices and thinking about risks continues to be an important part of our learning. Exploring the outdoor world will help us learn about this.

Communication and Language Development

Our class Post Office is an exciting addition where we will have opportunities to link with our peers, developing our communication skills. In class we continue to have many opportunities to discuss topics linked to all areas of our learning and we strive to develop our listening skills and respond to other's ideas. Commando Joe, on Friday, will continue to challenge our communication skills as we take on further team missions.

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 numbers and how we can use them to solve problems. We will practise our precision in counting objects and actions, working at a level which is appropriate to us as an individual. We will start to count in different ways: 2s/ 10s and 5s; counting back as well as forwards at every opportunity. Our small class Post Office role play area will help us to further learn about shape and measure. Parcels and letter deliveries will require understanding of sorting 1st and 2nd class, finding the correct coins to purchase stamps as well as weighing and measuring 3D parcels.

Literacy

Our RWI continues as we learn more sounds to aid us in our writing and reading. We require a lot of bravery now to help us move forward in both areas. There will be many opportunities to write especially with a Post Office. It will be important to understand how to place our writing on a page as well as seeing why leaving spaces between our words is important. We will be learning various alphabet songs to help us with learning the 'names' of the letters. In addition we will expand our knowledge of capital letters and match them to the lowercase graphemes. Many of our books this term will be by the authors Janet and Allan Ahlberg, taking us into the realm of traditional tale characters and linking across all curriculum areas.

Understanding of the World

As winter moves to spring we will spend time acknowledging the changes which are taking place. We will continue to practise the order of the seasons as well as the days of the week. In Science we will, with the help of the book 'Funnybones' learn more about ourselves; considering our senses. We continue to ask questions about the world around us and think about ways to find out if we are right. As spring burst into life we will have the opportunity to look at and plant seeds, making observations of the plants as they grow— watching for similarities and differences. We will continue to use our technology to enhance our learning in as many ways as we can, being aware of how to keep ourselves safe and who our trusted adult is. In RE we will continue to look at Christianity and Christian thoughts about Jesus. We will also be considering various New Year celebrations as well as hearing about the traditions of Easter and the stories which are linked to this celebration.

Expressive Arts and Design

In music we continue to explore the ideas of pulse and rhythm, having opportunities to play and perform using percussion instruments. We continue to listen to a variety of music and consider what we hear and how we feel about it. Our various role play areas across the term will allow us to expand our creativity in our pretend play; developing stories and scenarios. We will continue to plan, do and review the things we create, thinking about how we might make improvements and considering the materials we have chosen to use.