

Early Years Topics

Spring Term

Physical Development

We will be following the Val Sabin games and activities-

- Travelling- Going on a bear hunt
- Balancing-Sticky spots & dotty shapes
- Turning- on different body parts
- Bouncing- Crossing the river (Team building)
- Jumping- over the stream (More team work)
- Using large apparatus for large scale movement
- Using small equipment to explore basic skills
- Learning to look after our bodies, keeping healthy and understanding changes that happen to our bodies during & after exercise.
- Learning to hold pencil near point between first two fingers and thumb and uses it with good control (Read, Write Inc Sessions)

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

- Golden Rules
- Self Care
- Managing feelings & behaviour
- Making good choices
- Other cultures & food around the World
- Differences & similarities
- Special qualities
- What makes a good friend?
- Trying our best in work & play
- Reaching our Goals
- Taking care of our environment
- God's wonderful World, Pets and living things

Mathematics

- Addition- one more
- Subtraction- one less
- Adding two groups to find the total
- Recognising numbers to 20
- Counting & Ordering numbers to 20
- Counting on or back from a given number
- Estimating- recording numbers
- Measuring- length & height
- Weighing- heavier or lighter
- Name & Describing 2d & 3d Shapes
- Everyday language related to money
- Everyday language related to time
- Understanding & using positional language

Expressive Arts and Design

- Making African masks
- Designing Chinese Dragons
- Chinese money pouches
- Chinese number printing
- Exploring textures of three little pigs houses; wood, straw & brick
- Role-play sacks & sewing fairytale puppets
- Sign a story (fairy tales) -songs and rhymes
- Butterfly prints & patterns
- **Music Express - Special People** - Beat and Tempo **Growth and Change** - Loud and Quiet.
- Children will also explore creating music using iPads apps.

Communication & Language and Literacy

Celebrations- Weddings, Chinese New Year, African Week. (Writing invitations).

Fairy Tales- Three Little Pigs, Jack & The Beanstalk, Cinderella & Goldilocks & The Three Bears. (Writing about & making books, ordering & sequencing stories)

Growing- The Very Hungry Caterpillar, Life-cycle of a frog, Jasper's Beanstalk, The Story 'Titch' growing from a baby to child. (Writing Diaries & Instructions)

Read, Write Inc programme- Children will be learning sounds of the alphabet & letter formation. Children will practise Fred talk - blending sounds in words. Children will also practise using Fred Fingers - spelling words putting sounds in order. Children will be learning to read & write simple words & sentences.

Religious Education (Holy Time)

Local church - Community - Topic- Celebrations; Children discuss their own experiences of family, memories & parties. Learn when Jesus firsts visits the temple.

Eucharist- Relating- Topic- Gathering; Children learn about why we go to church, recognise some words said in mass, learn about the importance of gathering together to share God's love. Children talk about their own experience of Mass.

Lent/Easter -Giving- Growing; Children learn Easter is a time to celebrate new life. Children learn the Easter Story about when Jesus died and rose again. Children discover how to be more like Jesus following in Goodness, love, care & helpfulness.

Understanding the World

Celebrations- Learning about other cultures, African music, instruments and dancing, Chinese Dragon Dance, Role-play Wedding Day, Tasting different food from around the world, making flags looking at different countries, Google earth and maps. Recognising London as a capital city.

Fairy Tales- Making porridge for Goldilocks, healthy food for little red riding hood's basket, construction making houses for the three little pigs, dressing up as favourite fairy tale characters.

Growing- Making a mud wormery outside, using tools to dig, role play gardeners, making an Easter Garden in builders tray, growing own bean stalk & writing seed diaries, making cress potato heads with funny faces, measuring plants in the garden shop.

Weather- Observe weather conditions on a weekly basis throughout term and record in pictures to create weather calendar for the year. Explore growth at springtime and weather changes that make plants grow strong and healthy.