

Curriculum Overview

Class Name: Turtles

Communication and Language

This term we will be continuing to develop our speaking and listening skills through our growing topic. We will also be focusing on:

- Explore why questions and begin to ask some why questions of our own
- Use newly learned vocabulary in discussions
- Use talk to aid imaginative play
- Use talk to retell and adapt stories
- Use past, present and future tenses correctly
- Use talk to express our thoughts and ideas

PSED

We are continuing to develop our social skills. We will be working hard to learn how to work as a team and contribute to a team. We will also be learning to:

- Understand which people are special to us
- Sharing with others
- Talk about our own interests
- Realise how we are all special
- Discuss similarities and differences between ourselves and others

Physical Development

This half term we will continue to use our PE lessons to develop our gross motor skills through ball games. We will also be learning to:

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- Rolling, bouncing, throwing, kicking and dribbling a ball.
- Write our own name
- Use tools including a knife and fork with skill
- Make choices on how to travel across equipment
- Begin to use a style of writing which is accurate and efficient
- Show accuracy and care when drawing

Literacy

We will be focusing on developing a love of reading throughout the year with dedicated story times and a wide range of texts in the environment. We will also be learning:

- Explore and learn to access different parts of a non-fiction book
- Write initial sounds for some words
- Recognise and write our own names
- Retell stories and rhymes
- Use newly learned vocabulary during conversations
- Write sentences using our phonological knowledge
- Write a facts as part as a non-fiction project
- Write short sentences with a capital letter and a full stop
- Read red words and use some in our writing
- Composing and writing questions
- Retell stories and adapt them to create our own versions

Key Texts:

- The Train Ride by June Crebbin
- Mrs Armitage on Wheels by Quentin Blake
- You Can't Take an Elephant on a Bus by Patricia Cleveland-Peck
- Non-fiction books on other countries (Ukraine and Kenya)

Maths

We will be learning the base of mathematical knowledge to ensure we have a strong understanding before building on this throughout the year. This half term we will focus on:

- Addition
- Subtraction
- Building numbers beyond 10
- Counting patterns beyond 10
- Exploring 3D shapes
- Selecting and manipulating shapes

Understanding the World

We will continue to look at the changes we can see as the season changes. We will use items to spark curiosity where children will investigate and observe how they are used and how they work. We will also be learning about:

- Animals and their young
- How to care for animals and the environment
- Observe and discuss knowledge of different transport
- Compare transport to transport from the past
- Talk about people who are important to us
- Explore life in other countries and compare this to our own
- Make observations, ask questions and explain our own understanding through scientific investigations
- Learn about and discuss places which are special to Christians and some other religions
- Learn how to record using some simple technology such as voice recorders or Ipads

Expressive Arts and Design

The learning environment offers continuous access to different materials to construct with and explore. This half term we will be continuing to learn how to use these resources and tools responsibly and with increasing control. We will also be learning to:

- Creating artwork and models, by planning, doing and reviewing.
- Completing a junk modelling project to plan, create and adapt their own model of a type of transport

Teacher's Notes

Homework – Reading homework and writing practice will be set weekly for children in Reception. As always there are activities you can do at home to support your child. These include, reading a story with your child daily and ask them questions such as what they think may happen next or why something has happened. Encourage your child to dress themselves, use a knife and fork at meal times as well as encouraging them to help when preparing meals.

- Exploring new materials such as clay
 Using lines and shapes to create pictures
 Using music to listen and comment on, expressing our preferences
 Using music to move and perform.
 Practising matching pitch and following a melody