

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This term, we will be focussing on understanding how our bodies work; how to keep them healthy and how children grow from being babies – to children.

We will also be beginning the transition to Year 1 by talking about worries and fears related to transitioning to Year 1. We will be encouraging the children to become more independent with dressing themselves, and the children will be attending Mr Gill's Friday assemblies.

Physical Development

This term, we will be further developing the children's Gross Motor Skills with a focus on balancing, running and dodging, which will also encourage spatial awareness. The children will be developing their hand-eye coordination through throwing and catching, and developing their core and upper body strength through climbing.

The children will practice their agility and develop their team spirit as they prepare for the Pre Prep sports day at the end of the Summer term. They will also continue to further develop their Fine Motor skills through using scissors and other small tools.

Communication and Language

This term will continue to develop the children's focus and listening skills during slightly longer carpet sessions and through story time. We will be encouraging the children to respond to stories they have heard.

Through our topics, the children will be learning a huge range of vocabulary including the names of some countries and words to describe locations around the world. They will also be talking about where they live and our local area.

Our topic this term:

Globe Trotters



Summer Term

Tuesday 22nd April to Thursday
11th July

The Reception Team

Mrs Rahman – Reception Class Teacher

Mrs Halley – Classroom Assistant

Expressive Arts and Design

We will be looking at art by Vincent Van Gogh and we will be creating our own Van Gogh inspired art work.

The children will be creating art using different textures; creating art and models inspired by landmarks from around the world; exploring cultural art such as Aboriginal art and they will explore music from around the world.

The children will also combine art and science to create artwork inspired by changing states of matter, e.g. ice cubes to water.

Literacy

This term, the children will be focussing on using their knowledge of phonics to write captions and sentences. They will be labelling maps, writing sentences about landmarks in London and creating scrapbooks. The children will continue to focus on forming their letters and numbers correctly.

In phonics, the children will continue to work at the appropriate level for each child, within their phonics groups. The focus will be on reading with accuracy and developing fluency.

Mathematics

In maths, we will be looking at how to explore and represent patterns within numbers up to 10. We will be ensuring that the children have a deep and solid understanding of number to 10.

The children will also be using various strategies for addition, such as a ten frame. They will be learning to count backwards from 20 in preparation for subtraction. They will also be learning about doubling, halving, sharing, odds and evens and mass.

Understanding the World

Our topic for the Summer term is "Globe Trotters". We will be looking at maps and aerial views of our school, the local area, the UK and the World. We will be thinking about the layout of our school and plotting the building on a map from a bird's eye view.

We will be exploring our place in the world by looking at towns, cities, countries, continents and the Earth. We will be looking at how contrasting environments such as deserts and Polar regions have different habitats and flora and fauna. We will also be looking at how seasons affect the weather.

Finally, we will be looking at materials and changing states of matter such as solids and liquids.

PE days: Wednesdays and Fridays. Please send the children into school wearing their school uniform and send their PE kits in a bag so they can change at school.

Book changing: Please send in your child's reading books daily as we will change their books.

Library books are changed on Fridays.

Book Bags and reading diaries should be sent into school every day.



Dates for your diary

Bank Holiday: Monday 6th May

Half Term: Monday 27th – Friday 31st May

Pre Prep School Trip – Friday 5th July
(Hertfordshire Zoo)

Sports Day – Monday 8th July

Prizegiving – Thursday 11th July

Forest School trip - TBC

Have a look - useful websites

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?Subject=37>

Important Vocabulary

We will be using vocabulary to describe where we live in and around Winchmore Hill and its location in London.

We will also be using vocabulary to discuss how London is in England and how we are located in the UK and the wider world.

We will be using language to compare lifestyles and locations around the world.

Healthy tuck boxes

Eating healthy food is very important to us in Reception.



Please note that we do not allow any foods containing nuts or nut products