



EYFS Learning Journey – Spring 1

'I have come that they may have life and have it in all its fullness...Together we Flourish!' (John 10:10)

Love - Joy - Hope - Honesty - Thankfulness

Literacy

In Early Years we are focussing on books linking to our topics 'Space' and 'Home and Away'. We will also be looking at different traditional tales each half term.

Nursery will be using Talk for Writing to retell and innovate Oliver Jeffers How to Catch a Star.

Reception will be using Talk for Writing to develop our understanding of non-fiction using 'Here We Are' by Oliver Jeffers.

Phonics

All children follow the Little Wandle phonics accredited Scheme.

Nursery will be copying body percussion patterns and sequences and creating our own.

Reception will begin focusing on reading and writing longer words and short sentences using finger spaces and full stops. We will also be applying this knowledge in our Guided Reading sessions.

Maths

Nursery will be learning to accurately count 3 items by making a line and subitising to 3.

Reception will be learning about the numbers 5-8. We will also be learning about mass, capacity, height, length and time.

Understanding the World

Nursery will be looking at space, understanding people can travel into space and learning about Astronauts such as Neil Armstrong and Tim Peake

Reception will be looking at the local areas of Morpeth and Newcastle. They will also be learning about Great Britain and identifying the capital cities and countries within using maps and Google maps.

Personal, Social and Emotional

Nursery will be continuing to learn how to resolve conflict, becoming more aware of the similarities and differences between us.

Reception will be focusing on 'Dreams and Goals' and the skills and strategies we need to develop to achieve our own personal goals, as well as helping others to achieve theirs.

Expressive Arts and Design

Nursery are exploring how to join junk modelling materials together to make rockets.

Reception will be looking at the sculptor Anthony Gormley and will be creating their own sculptors of local monuments e.g. Morpeth Castle, Greys Monument etc. We will be exploring traditional nursery rhymes and rhymes linked to traditional tales.

Religious Education

This term's focus: Where do we belong?

Nursery will be talking about the groups we belong to and the special occasions that we may celebrate.

Reception will be meeting persona dolls of different religions. We will learn about the Hindu ceremony Raksha Bandhan. We will be looking at how Christian and Muslim families welcome babies into the family,

Communication and Language

Nursery will be learning how to follow simple prepositions and directions e.g. over, under, on, behind, through.

Reception will be learning conversation skills by listening and responding to what another child or adult has said. This term we will be focussing on responding to others with appropriate questions linking to the same subject.

Physical Development

Nursery we will learn to travel in different ways and do exercises to help build our strength in our upper bodies.

Reception will be developing their gymnastics skills by moving around, under, over and through balancing and climbing equipment. We will also continue practising our letter and number formation.

Parents as Partners- Reading, reading, reading!

Please read to your child everyday. This will help support their love of reading and literature as well as developing their language and building their vocabulary. When your child gets a book, please listen to your child read and practise their phonics sounds everyday. Making counting part of your daily routine is incredibly effective. You may want to count stairs, steps, cars when walking/driving to school. Counting out cutlery getting ready for dinner. Baking is also a fantastic (and fun!) way to use maths language. Please use Tapestry to share all of the brilliant things your child gets up to - we love to see them!