

Mathematics

We will begin this term learning to compare and measure height and length in lot of practical ways. The children will also focus briefly on the days of the week. We then move onto the numbers 9 and 10 - thinking of different ways we can represent them, sorting them in different ways and ordering them within a number line. The children will also explore the composition of the numbers 9 and 10, thinking through different combinations of numbers that can be used to make the total. We will also be teaching 'number bonds' in more detail - working on securing the knowledge of some number bonds to 5, and then 10. We will then begin a focus on 3D shapes - learning to recognise them and spot 2D shapes within them, and revisit our previous work on pattern to build on the complexity.

PE

We are gymnasts this term in PE. We will be learning about shape, space and balance and making up routines.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This term will be talking about how we stay healthy and safe. We will be learning about the impact of healthy food, good oral health and keeping active, as well as things we can do to keep our minds healthy. The children will be encouraged to think about the importance of rules; in school + in society, and how they work to keep everyone happy, safe and healthy.

Exploring Media and Materials

Superheroes is a wonderful focus to enrich the children's imaginative play and active storytelling. We will be encouraging them to build and use their own props, as well as recording their stories for them whilst they play, to illustrate + add to at a later date. The children will also be learning some simple drawing techniques, using 'animals' as stimulus.

Phonics

We will spend the beginning of this term consolidating all the work we did on the Phase 3 sounds (the green sound mat), before moving onto Phase 4. In Phase 4 the children learn to read and write words with consonant clusters in such as: 'next' 'frog' 'drink' 'splash'. We will also teach how to tackle longer words like, 'umbrella' 'bedroom' and 'thunder'
Tricky words: have, said, like, so, do, some, come, were, there, little, one, when, out, what

Year R



Maple class

Term 4

2021 – 2022

'Who are heroes?'

Communication and Language

Literacy: Reading and Writing

This term we will be building in lots of opportunities for the children to apply their phonic knowledge to both reading and writing in creative and fun ways. They will be writing captions and sentences to sequence stories, creating their own story around the 'Three Little Pigs' and, to celebrate 'World Poetry Day', explore a wide range of poetry, ending in writing their own. We will also focus on some non-fiction forms of writing, which may include labelling some healthy dinners, writing instructions on how to brush teeth and creating their own questions to ask any visitors to further their own understanding. It is also 'World Book Day' so there will be lots of excitement around reading + stories.

Physical Development

The children have been doing wonderfully with their handwriting and we will continue to focus on this, building their fine motor control in other areas - such as use of scissors, drawing techniques with a focus on small details, and a sewing project (watch out for pleas for parent helpers!) We will also be thinking about different ways to move - using superheroes as inspiration and practise our throwing + catching skills.

Understanding of the World

We will be learning a lot about the people in our community this term - those that work to keep us safe and healthy, and help us on a daily basis; our 'community heroes'! We hope to be able to invite in some visitors, and take some trips out of school to meet some of the people who help us in Penshurst. We will also be learning more about the church and comparing to other places of worship.

RE

This term our focus is Easter. We will be thinking about symbols and how Christians share their faith. We will be finding out about the different aspects of Easter, sharing the Easter story and finding out about how Christians celebrate Easter.