

Mathematics

This term we are going to continue to explore number, counting quantities and matching to numerals whilst also focusing on recognising and ordering numerals. Around this the children will also be learning about measure, using the language of 'taller, shorter, longer, thicker, fatter, thinner, heavier, lighter' to compare different things. They will then move onto pattern, where they will learn to recognise and create their own repeating patterns with a variety of resources. This will then move into classification, with the children learning to group objects according to different criteria and talk about the reasons for their decisions.

PE

This term we are going to continue to develop gross motor skills and listening skills through games. We are going to be thinking about how we use space and develop our understanding of competitive games, tactics and sportsmanship.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This term we are going to have a big focus on 'listening', doing lots of paired discussion work where the children learn how to be a good listener – looking at their partner and responding appropriately to what they say. We will also learn how to ask thoughtful questions of each other to further our own understanding. This discussion work will form the basis of our learning in class.

Exploring Media and Materials

This term the children will have opportunities to explore a wide range of materials and processes and how they can be used to make art. The children will be learning about 'portraits' and will create their own, looking closely at the features on their face. We will also be doing lots of role play – providing resources for them to explore Christmas + shops.

Phonics

This term we will be continuing the focus on blending and segmenting, moving on to captions and short sentences. We will also be introducing more digraphs (and a trigraph!) so will be focusing on spotting them in words. The sounds they will learn this term are: **j, v, w, x, y, z, zz, qu, ch, sh, th, ng, ai, ee, igh, oa, oo, ar, or, ur, ow, oi**
Tricky words: he, she, be, me, we, was, you, my, they

Year R



Maple class Term 2 2020 – 2021 'Lets Celebrate!'

Communication and Language Literacy: Reading and Writing

We will be using a range of fiction and non-fiction books this term, to inspire our learning on different celebrations. We will discuss the features of non-fiction books – the contents page, glossary, and index, and will write our own factual sentences based on our own experiences. The children will also explore poetry, listening to and learning poems, as well as creating their own. As part of the work on birthday's, the children will plan Grandma Fantastic's birthday party (the 10th member of the class! She helps us learn exciting vocabulary!) For this, they will learn how to write a list and then write their own lists of essentials for a party. This list will then be used to buy the supplies from our class shop!

Physical Development

We will be continuing to provide lots of activities focused on fine motor development for the children, whilst building in some targeted practise on letter and number formation. This could be drawing in sand, shaving foam, using chalk and paint outside, as well as with pens and paper. We will also be planning opportunities for use of scissors, to develop their coordination and control.

Understanding of the World

This term we will be encouraging the children to share their experiences of different celebrations, comparing similarities and differences. We will also be learning about celebrations from other cultures and similarities these have from the ones children enjoy with their families. The children will also be looking closely at changes within our environment as say goodbye to Autumn, and hello to Winter.

RE

This term the children will be focusing on the Nativity story, reading it in different forms and using Nativity sets to retell the story. They will look at Christmas cards, and how the images on them represent different parts of the story. The children will learn about carol services, the meaning of Christingle and the true reason why gifts are exchanged at Christmas.