

Literacy

In phonics, we will continue to learn and consolidate our knowledge of phase 3 sounds. We will be further developing our blending skills for reading words and our segmenting skills for writing.

We will be reading 'Supertato' as our focus text and other superhero themed books, where we will look at characters and discuss our understanding of the story. We will also continue with our writing practise; writing speech bubbles for Supertato characters, labelling superheroes and writing our own mini zig zag books.

Communication and Language

To develop communication and language skills, we will use the text 'Supertato' to help us retell the story. We will also learn how to take on a role of a character from the story and act it out using language from the book. We will develop our understanding of questions by thinking of questions we would like to ask a doctor and will continue to practise speaking in full sentences.

Personal, Social, Emotional Development

Throughout the term we will be focusing on talking about the children's ideas and the importance of them choosing the resources they need for their activities; this will support their developing ability to persevere and work independently. We will be asking the children to work as part of a small group or whole class for different purposes such as, playing in the role play area or playing a team game. This we hope will support the children to continue to work on solving problems within friendship groups.

Understanding the World

We will talk about the past and present events in their own lives and in the lives of family members. We will also be discussing the similarities and differences in relation to places and living things. We will learn about Jesus and will talk about our traditions comparing with other cultures.

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Physical Development

To continue to support our gross motor skills we will be setting up challenges to negotiate space successfully. We will ask the children to adjust their speed or change their direction to avoid obstacles. We will be using our fine motor skills to use the resources provided to build dens and forts. We will also be exploring the importance of physical exercise and a healthy diet. During our PE sessions we will be working on multiskills with our PE coaches.

Mathematics

This half term will be focusing on mastering our counting; by practising counting aloud and revisiting the principles of counting. We will be exploring '5 and a bit' to make numbers between 6 and 10 e.g. $5+2=7$, $5+1+1=7$. We will use our fingers to describe this, for example '7' as '5 and 2 more.' We will learn how to order quantities to 10 and reason about which numbers are 'more than' others. We will also notice when quantities are equal or unequal when comparing groups.

How you can help at home:

- Continue to practise the sounds which we have sent home and use the sounds to build words
- Continue to practise reading the key words which are sent home and spelling them if appropriate
- Practise writing letters of the alphabet, remembering to start in the correct place
- Read with your child on a regular basis
- Make numbers e.g. how many ways can you make 4/6/8/10 $1+3=4$, $2+2=4$, $3+1=4$
- Adding and taking away using objects
- Have discussions about family traditions and events throughout the lives of family members
- Count backwards from 20 to 0. You could then start at other numbers and continue to count backwards e.g. start at 12, start at 18
- Write down the numbers to 10 with the correct orientation

Expressive Arts and Design

During our explore and learn time the children will have lots of different role play opportunities. They will be characters from stories; designing costumes, making masks and props. We will be learning new songs and experimenting with musical instruments inside and outside.