

**Expressive Arts & Design**

There will be opportunities for children to sing familiar songs and also learn a range of new ones using Charanga Music and for our Christmas production. They will have access to a range of media to develop their creativity, including paints, pencils, collage materials, and modelling.

**Mathematics**

Following our ‘Rising Star’s and ‘Maths of the Day’ programmes children will be given opportunities to develop counting and number recognition this term, including songs, rhymes, jigsaws, number washing line, games and number fans. Children will explore shapes in the environment and develop their understanding of 2D and 3D shapes.

**Literacy**

Through our Talk for Writing approach children will develop their story and rhyming bank through activities and lots of opportunities to ‘play’ at stories. We will concentrate on children recognising and writing their name, using correct letter formation, through a range of activities including magnetic letters, whiteboards & marker pens, shaving foam, chalk and paint. We will introduce the children to letter sounds through our new Read Write Inc (RWI) programme. They will be taught to recognise sounds and to blend them during group sessions. Children will be issued with reading books as soon as they can independently blend sounds and should bring these into school on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday to be changed.

**The World**

Children will be learning about celebrations at home and around the world exploring similarities and differences. There will be opportunities for them to explore their senses, and discuss the importance of being healthy. We will also look at the changes that happen to our bodies when we are active during PE sessions. Children will have the opportunity to use a range of programs on the computers, developing their mouse control. There will be opportunities for the children to use the class digital cameras for a specific purpose such as finding shapes in the environment or recognising groups of items by number.

**Physical Development**

Children will develop their gross motor skills in activities both indoors and outdoors including the use of the jungle gym, balance bikes and large outdoor equipment. They will also get plenty of practises undressing and dressing for PE and to explore the changes that occur to their bodies during exercise. Children will be given lots of opportunities to develop their fine motor skills using, tongs, cotton buds, painting, pencils, crayons and scissors. Children will be encouraged to use a tripod (thumb & 2 fingers) grip for writing.

**PSED**

This term we will be focussing on settling the children into school and developing relationships through games and activities. We will use Circle Time as an opportunity to discuss class rules, ways in which we can keep each other safe and appropriate behaviour both inside and out. Through our PSED programme we will provide opportunities for children to discuss feelings and emotions, how to keep healthy and the importance of hygiene.

**Trips & visits**

* KS1 Christmas Production w/c 10th December
* Christmas Carol Service
* Parents Evenings 15th & 16th October

**Communication & language**

This term children will talk about themselves and people who are important to them. Homework will include ‘talking activities’ Children will be given talk partners and will be encouraged to develop their speaking and listening skills in small and large groups. Our class bear ‘Charlie’ will go home each weekend and children will be given the opportunity to discuss what they did with Charlie on their return to school.

There will be a designated ‘show & tell’ session for groups of children each Wednesday.