

'Houses and Homes' and 'Celebrations'

Communication and Language

In Reception we are always finding opportunities to develop the children's speaking and listening skills across all areas of their learning.

This is done through supporting children in their play, circle time activities, having time to discuss things with a 'Talk Partner' at mat times, encouraging them to share their learning with the class and just taking time to talk with the children.

They will be learning new vocabulary relating to our topics.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Our School Value this term is

Respect



Physical Development

Children's physical skills are continually addressed and developed through their play outside using our large equipment and through planned activities such as den building. The range of construction toys and craft activities available support the children's fine motor skills.



PE in Year R

Our PE this term is 'Socatots'. We will be outside wherever possible. Please ensure your child has a PE kit in school.

Literacy

Phonics

Year R children will be working on Phase 2 and 3 Phonics which involves identifying the sounds in words and learning to read and write words with three sounds such as tap, vet and hiss.

We also have tricky words to learn that don't follow the phonics rules.

Reading

We will be reading stories and using non-fiction texts to support our learning on our topics.

Children will be expected to read their reading scheme book regularly at home.

Mathematics

The children will be developing their understanding of the areas below at a level suited to their stage of development and learning:

- Counting accurately in different contexts
- Ordering numbers
- Finding 1 more and 1 less than a given number
- Addition and subtraction skills in practical activities
- Shape names and their properties
- Repeating patterns and symmetry
- Using money in practical activities
- Measuring short periods of time and distance in simple ways
- Exploring pattern



Understanding the World

The topics of 'Homes and Families' and 'Celebrations' give us plenty of opportunities to look at similarities and differences.

We will be finding out about each other and our families, what makes a home and building materials.

We will compare the ways in which different festivals are celebrated at this time of year.



We will observe changes in the weather and the natural environment, finding out about autumn and the changes it brings.

In technology we will be programming our Bee-Bots and taking photographs.

Expressive Arts and Design

We will develop the children's skills using paints and malleable materials such as clay linked to our topics



We will start to provide simple instructions and the resources needed for the children to access craft activities independently.

