

Reception Learning Journey

Communication and Language

This half term the children will be encouraged to use talk to clarify their thinking and ideas. They will be speaking in well-formed sentences and they will use speech to reason and problem solve. We will be taking part in lots and lots of storytelling and they will develop their understanding of texts through recall.

During group and class discussions the children will be given the opportunity to ask questions to clarify their understanding and confirm knowledge. They will use talk to resolve conflict, discuss their ideas and give reasons.

Physical Development

This half term the children will discuss the different factors that support their overall health and wellbeing. They will begin to negotiate space successfully and adjust speed and direction. They will also develop increasing control with a ball.

The children will continue to develop their fine motor skills to form recognisable letters with an effective pencil grip.

Mathematics

This half term the children will be practicing their counting skills as they count up to 15 objects and recognise different representations. They will order and explore number patterns to 15 and identify one more and one fewer. The children will explore doubling and halving and the relationship between them. They will describe and sort 2-D and 3-D shapes and recognise and create patterns. The children will also investigate addition and subtraction.



Expressive Art & Design

This half term, the children will explore how art and design connect with the knowledge they have gained from their Understanding the World units. They will create David Hockney-inspired 3D daffodils to mark St David's Day, paint their own regal self-portraits and crowns in the style of the Tudor monarchs, explore Yayoi Kusama's dot-style paintings from Japan, and design their own Celtic patterns to celebrate Liverpool's rich Irish heritage.

Personal Social & Emotional Development

During this half term our PSHE topic is entitled 'Healthy Me!' The children will begin to understand that exercise keeps our bodies healthy. They will explore which foods are healthy and unhealthy and make



healthy food choices. They will investigate how to wash their hands thoroughly and understand why this is important especially before eating and after going to the toilet.

Literacy



In Reception this half term the children will be encouraged to develop increasing confidence in sequencing a story and give suggestions to the ending of a story. They will be focussing on the text 'Little Red' by Bethan Woolvin and using this as a stimulus to orally rehearse sentences and ask questions about what has been read to them.

The children will continue to learn new letter sounds in their daily phonics session. They will read simple phrases and sentences with known sounds and some exception words from memory.

The children will develop their writing skills to write simple sentences remembering capital letters, full stops and finger spacing. They will be encouraged to orally compose a sentence and hold it in memory before attempting to write it. The children will continue to be encouraged to hold their pencil effectively to form recognisable letters.

Understanding the World



This half term, the children will develop curiosity and begin to understand the importance of asking questions with critical thinking. They will explore Wales, its geographical location, and its physical and human features in connection with St David's Day celebrations. Additionally, the children will learn about the seven continents, how they differ, and their key cities and landmarks.

We will all enjoy celebrating World Book Day, sharing our favourite stories and dressing up as our favourite characters too! We will also learn about kings and queens, and explore Liverpool's Celts roots!

LC+

This half term, the children are practising mindfulness and yoga. They will use these skills to further support their listening, attention and focus. We also considered what helps to keep our minds healthy, as well as our bodies, for Mental Health Awareness Week, and they particularly enjoyed doing yoga then.

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