



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 practise grouping and sharing, counting in equal groups and adding them together. They will explore grouping objects in fives and tens, and sharing a number of objects into equal groups. Next, they will explore number patterns within 15 by counting up to 15 objects, ordering and identifying one more and one fewer within 15. Lastly, they will explore the concept of doubles and half and the relationship between the two.



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. Children will create David Hockney-inspired 3D daffodils to mark St David's Day. They will design and create their own regal crowns in the style of the Royals. To celebrate Liverpool's rich Irish heritage, they will design their own Celtic patterns. For Oral Health Day, they will create posters to promote toothbrushing. Finally, they will make Easter cards for family and friends to take home.

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The children will be developing their balancing and stretching skills, partaking in traditional tales Yoga. They will continue to take part in a variety of activities during our 'Messy Monday' slot, including Forest School, Gardening and Adventure Time developing their gross motor skills through climbing and large movements.

Personal Social & Emotional Development

During this half term our PSHE topic is entitled 'Healthy Me!' The children will begin to consider all the different ways they can keep their mind and body healthy, including exercise. They will explore which foods are healthy and unhealthy and how to 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

This half term, the children will be encouraged to develop increasing confidence in sequencing a story, make predictions 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, ask and answer 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. They will continue to be encouraged to hold their pencil effectively write well-formed letters.



Understanding the World

This half term, the children will explore Wales, its geographical location, and its physical and human features in connection with St David's Day celebrations. They will learn about the British Royal family, making links to Wales, and compare with leading figures in other countries, particularly the Spanish Royal family. This will help to prepare them for learning Spanish in Year 1.

We will all enjoy celebrating World Book Day, sharing our favourite stories, celebrating reading and dressing up as our favourite characters too!

We will explore Liverpool's Celtic roots whilst learning about and celebrating St Patrick's Day. On Friday 20th March, we will mark World Oral Health Day with a visit from 'Tiny Teeth Liverpool' and some dentists. Finally, we will learn about Easter Around the World and compare Easter traditions in Africa, Latin America and Europe.



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