

Autumn, Castles, Celebrations

Literacy:

Our main focus this term will build on the listening and identifying sounds work already done in nursery. We will be learning letter sounds and forming letters correctly. When we are able to hear and say the sounds in words we will be learning how to blend sounds to form and read words. We will also be learning to hear the sound at the end of words and identifying rhyming words in stories. Books on our topics will be shared as well as children's own choice of stories.

Expressive arts and design:

In music we will be exploring a range of non tuned instruments and matching sounds. In class we will be learning some fun songs, dancing and playing ring games. In imaginative play we will be engaging in role play in the home corner and in the castle. We will be exploring painting and collage using a range of materials to create castles.

Personal, social and emotional development:

Our foci in this area will be appreciating that we are each unique and learning to work as part of the school team, compiling and following our rules and understanding the boundaries and behavioural expectations. Children will be praised and given stickers for good work and behaviour and each week one child will be chosen to be our Lighthorne Heath Hero. Each day we will have two helpers who do special tasks, for example taking the register to the office.

Communication and language:

Using and developing language is a key to good learning so we will be encouraging children to take turns and join in with conversations. They will be encouraged to use the correct tense when speaking. They will be sharing rhymes and listening to lots of stories, predicting what might happen next and joining in with repeated phrases. Each child will have a library book which can be changed daily. There will be time to converse with adults and to share news with others.

Physical:

Our fine motor focus will be on improving fine motor control and developing a good pencil grip in order to form letters and improving cutting skills. Children will be encouraged to dress and undress for PE and organise their clothes independently. Each Wednesday afternoon the class will work with our Onside Sports coach to play games and learn and practise skills. We will find out about keeping healthy by exercising and exploring the taste of different fruits.

Becoming good learners:

Playing and exploring- We will encourage children to wonder, to find out, explore and to be willing to 'have a go'

Active learning- We will encourage children be involved, to concentrate and to keep trying to achieve what they set out to do.

Creating and thinking critically- We will encourage children to have their own ideas, to make links and to choose ways to do things.

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Mathematics:

In mathematics we will be building on what children already know about counting, recognising and ordering numbers. We will explore Numicon resources and become familiar with its shapes and the number each represents. As part of our topic we will be weighing and measuring, ordering objects according to length, sorting coins, and writing digits. We will be using a large range of mathematical vocabulary in day to day experiences.

Understanding the world:

We will be focussing on understanding that we are all unique, exploring our senses, what we can do and how we can become good learners. We will be visiting a local farm and learning about the animals. We will harvest and use the fruit we have grown. We will observe carefully the changes in the outdoor environment that take place during Autumn. As Christmas approaches we will look at the way that it is celebrated.