

Literacy and Drawing Club:

We will continue to focus on developing our understanding of stories and non-fiction texts.

In Drawing Club we will continue to focus on a new story or animation every week and introduce new vocabulary with exciting actions to help the children remember the words. The children will continue to develop their writing through the use of these passcodes and will be set challenging to segment the sounds in words and begin to write sentences using a capital letter, finger spaces and a full stop.

We will be encouraging the children to apply phase 2 and 3 sounds and tricky words in their independent writing during exploring time and working towards the Early Learning Goals.

Expressive Arts and Design:

During our topic we will have lots of opportunities to use a variety of mediums during our weekly creative challenges:

- Making recycled materials art including junk modelling – linking to recycling/looking after the planet.
- Learning about the artist Van Gough and create our own interpretation of Sunflowers using oil pastels and paints.
- We will also create a final self-portrait and compare our artistic skills from the beginning of the year.

The children will also have lots of opportunities to act out storylines in their play and take part in music sessions focusing on rhythm and keeping the beat.



Personal Social and Emotional Development:

We will be looking after our outside learning environment by taking care of different plants and animals.

We will continue to focus on taking turns and being a kind friend to others. We will also focus on 'Healthy Me' thinking about healthy eating, looking after our bodies and the impact of exercise on our bodies.

We will also support children in the transition to Year 1 with lots of discussion time and use of pictures and stories to help children.

Communication and Language:

We will continue to learn new vocabulary during Drawing Club sessions and have opportunities to retell stories using props in exploring time. We will also be learning new songs, poems and rhymes.

Children will take part in circle time discussions and will have the opportunity to share their thoughts and listen to others.

Physical Development:

Our PE lessons this half term will be taking part in Didi rugby session with a specialist coach. The children will be taught by a specialist coach focusing on developing fundamental movement skills and improving balance, agility and hand-eye co-ordination. We will also focus on developing skills linking to Sports Day activities.

We will also continue to develop children's fine motor control and gross motor through planned activities in exploring time and handwriting sessions focusing on lower/upper case letters and number formation.

Mathematics:

During the next half term we will continue to develop our understanding of:

- Addition and Subtraction
- Number Bonds up to 5 and some number bonds to 10
- Doubling – focussing on recalling doubling facts
- Odd and even patterns in the number system
- 3D shapes – cube, cuboid, sphere, cylinder, cone, triangular prism.



Understanding the World:

During this topic we will continue to develop our understanding about different aspects of our wonderful world. We will be plants seeds and plants in school and learn about what they need to help them grow. The children will then be encouraged to help look after them.

We will also be comparing different countries and cultures around the world.