

English

Communication & Language: we will be developing our communication and language skills through a range of activities. Using sentence stems during Snack & Chat, we will build our confidence in forming complete sentences and expressing our thoughts clearly. Our Sharing Bag and Circle Time will provide opportunities for meaningful talk, encouraging us to listen carefully and share our own ideas. Across our provision, there will be further opportunities for conversation through our themes of fairy tales and growing plants, helping us to use new vocabulary and talk confidently about our experiences, learning, and play.

Literacy: we will be exploring a range of familiar fairy tales, with a focus on The Three Little Pigs and Goldilocks. Through storytelling and acting, we will begin to retell and order key parts of the stories, immersing ourselves in the characters and events. We will create our own version of The Three Little Pigs and explore Goldilocks by creating a simple non-fiction report.

Understanding the World

Science: our topic is *Plant Growth*. We will explore what seeds need to germinate and grow by carrying out simple investigations and comparative tests. We will learn about plant life cycles and how to care for plants, and begin to record our findings in simple tables.

History: we will be learning about *Travel and Transport Through History*. We will explore how people travelled in the past, including Viking longboats, early trains, and how cars have changed over time. We will also learn about early attempts at flight. We will use timelines and make simple comparisons between past and present.

R.E.: our big question is: *What is the good news that Jesus brings?* We will explore a range of Bible stories and talk about why Jesus' message is important to Christians.

Maths

Reception: we will be exploring the composition of the numbers 9 and 10, looking at the different ways these numbers can be made. We will then move on to creating equal groups.

Year 1: we will be developing our understanding of addition and subtraction within 20. We will then explore days of the week, months of the year, and begin telling the time to the hour and half past.

Beech class

Reception & Year 1

PE/Physical Development

In PE, we will be developing our gross motor skills through circuit training. We will use a different variety of balls to throw and catch whilst pivoting to help us change direction. The children will also be practising the different Sports day events.

Computing – Year 1

The children will learn how to use algorithms and debugging. They will explore how computers use algorithms to make predictions and solve problems. The children will also learn what the terms abstraction and debugging mean.

Expressive Arts and Design

Art: the focus will be on developing drawing skills, particularly using tone and texture. The children will explore a range of techniques and materials, including making rubbings to explore texture and developing shading skills to show tone through observational drawing.

Music: our music unit is Singing on this Island. The children will learn a range of songs, including a folk song and music linked to the countryside and city. We will also develop and perform our own simple musical compositions.

Personal, Social Emotional Development

This term, we will be continuing to develop confidence, independence, and resilience. During provision both indoors and outdoors, circle time, and daily routines, we will be building positive relationships, managing our feelings, and taking pride in our achievements as we learn to be our best.

In PSHE lessons, we will be exploring and discussing the theme *"Being My Best"*. We will be thinking about the different ways we can achieve this, including setting simple goals, staying healthy, and trying our best.

Reading

Please continue to read daily with your children at home.

We will be changing sharing books on a Monday and phonics books on a Friday.