

English

Communication & Language: this term, we will continue to consolidate and develop our communication and language skills through a variety of engaging activities. During Snack & Chat, we will use sentence stems to help us build confidence in speaking in full sentences and expressing our ideas clearly. Sharing Bag and Circle Time sessions will provide valuable opportunities for discussion, encouraging us to listen attentively to others and contribute our own thoughts. Throughout the term, our themes and continuous provision will offer further opportunities for meaningful conversations and language development.

Literacy: this term, our focus book is 'The Girl and the Dinosaur'. We will begin by creating our own finding tales inspired by the story. In Year 1, the children will focus on writing stories using capital letters and full stops consistently, as well as using the conjunction and. In Reception, the children will focus on writing short sentences and applying their phonics knowledge.

Following this, we will create non-fiction recounts about the dinosaur and Marianne, the main character in the book. We will then finish the term by writing poems inspired by summer.

Understanding the World

Science: our topic this term is Ocean Protectors. We will explore rock pooling, ocean life cycles, and ocean food chains. We will investigate how humans and litter can impact our oceans and, taking on the role of marine biologists, we will observe and report on changes in ocean populations.

Geography: we will be learning about China, with a particular focus on Shanghai. We will use maps to explore our local area and create our own maps before comparing them with the human and physical features found in Shanghai.

R.E: this term we will be exploring Christian parables.

Maths

Reception: we will begin the term by exploring how to share quantities equally before moving on to creating and solving simple number stories. Later in the term, we will develop our understanding of money and capacity through a range of practical activities.

Year 1: we will develop our understanding of multiplication and division by exploring doubling, halving, and counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. Later in the term, we will also explore the concepts of money and capacity through practical problem-solving activities.

Beech class

Reception & Year 1

PE/Physical Development

In PE, we will be exploring yoga, developing our balance, strength and control. We will learn a range of poses, including cat-cow, downward dog and standing poses. PE lessons will continue on Mondays and Wednesdays, with additional opportunities throughout the day for the children to practise and develop their skills through provision.

Computing – Year 1

This term, we will be exploring word processing. The children will spend time learning how to use a keyboard effectively and developing their confidence with basic computer skills. They will then create a range of written pieces, incorporating text and images, to produce their own digital books.

Expressive Arts and Design

DT: this term, our focus will be on healthy eating and exploring the Eatwell Plate. We will learn how to prepare food safely, taste and evaluate different foods, and then design and make our own smoothies.

Music: this term, our focus will be on pitch and notation. We will learn the song Once a Man Fell in a Well and use tuned percussion instruments to accompany songs and create our own musical compositions.

Personal, Social Emotional Development

This term, we will be encouraging the children to become increasingly confident, independent and resilient learners. Through our indoor and outdoor provision, circle times and daily routines, we will support them in building positive relationships, managing their feelings and emotions, and celebrating their achievements as they develop a positive attitude towards learning.

In PSHE, we will be exploring the theme of 'Growing and Changing'. We will reflect on how we have changed over time, learn about the human life cycle, and discuss the importance of keeping our private parts private and staying safe.

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.