

Nursery Topic – Heavens Above!

Autumn 2, 2023

Our core text this term – ‘Whatever Next’ by Jill Murphy



Our value this term is: Thankfulness

Personal, Social and Emotional development:

The children will be working on accepting the needs of others, taking turns and sharing resources, sometimes with support from adults.

Resettling into our classrooms after the half term break.

Selecting our own resources and demonstrating our own interests.

Learning that others have feelings too, and how to respond to them.

Understanding class and school rules, and why they are important.

Engaging with challenges.



Physical development:

The children will continue working on developing their gross motor skills ready for mark making- moving around in different ways with control, developing their fine motor skills and using a knife and fork.

Moving in different ways.

Learning to dress and undress ourselves, starting with coats, shoes and socks.

Mark making using a variety of media.

Developing our fine motor skills.

Trying a range of different foods to help us develop skills when using cutlery.

Engaging with Wakey Shakey, Dough Disco and Funky Fingers.

Communication and Language:

This term the children will continue to learn how to follow instructions, understand and explain the use of objects as well as begin to understand ‘why’ questions.

Listen to others one to one, or in small groups- carpet sessions, playing games.

Listen to stories with increasing attention and recall especially focussed books.

Understand the 5 key concepts of print.

Understand ‘why’ questions, like: “Why do you think the caterpillar got so fat?”



Key dates:

Outdoor learning: will be alternate Tuesday mornings & Wednesday afternoons. Children will need all weather clothing.

Friday 15th December: Term ends at 1pm



Literacy:

In phonics we will be continuing with phase 1, learning to identify sounds in words, recognising rhyming words, and alliteration as well as beginning to blend sounds in words. The children will continue to learn the 5 key concepts of print and develop an interest in books.

Sharing focus books

Learning new rhymes and songs

Innovating familiar stories

Ascribing meaning to the marks we make and see

Looking at books independently and holding correctly

Little Wandle Phonics sessions

Talk for writing – 'Whatever Next' by Jill

Murphy, The Nativity Story

Library books and reviews



Numeracy:

The children will develop a strong understanding of numbers to 3 this term. We will look at counting accurately, how to represent numbers in different ways, subitising and to recognise numerals. They will also learn about pattern, capacity and size.

Reciting, sequencing, and recognition of numbers to 3 then 5.

Representation by finger numbers to 3 then 5.

Subitising number-1,2,3.

Comparing quantity.

Measure including capacity, and size.

Recognising and using pattern.



Understanding the World:

The children will be looking at space, learning about the different planets. They will also be learning about the Nativity as well as looking at lots of different celebrations that take place this term.

Celebrating special times- Diwali, Bonfire Night, Remembrance Day, Christmas, St Andrew's Day.

Exploring the local area including the forest and the local shops

Learning about Space - the different planets in the Solar System



Expressive Arts and Design:

Through the topic of space, the children will develop lots of skills which will help become independent artists. The children will spend time rehearsing for the Nativity and acting out stories in the role play area.

Creating craft using natural and manmade materials.

Using musical instruments to explore sound.

Learning and singing new songs.

Using small world and role play to retell stories and act out real life scenarios

