

Understanding the world

The children will bring in photographs of themselves with their families for our new display. They will think about whom they live with, who else is in their extended family and who their friends are. Children will learn about autumn and the changes that take place during the season. This will include lots of exploration work in the wilderness behind our school building. We will talk about Harvest time and why we celebrate it. They will also learn about healthy foods and where they come from with a visit from our local Tesco. They will look at a number of celebrations from around the world including Bonfire Night, Halloween, Diwali and Christmas with a performance for parent carers.

Literacy

The children will begin to develop their fine motor control with activities including threading, tweezers, peg boards and playdough. They will make marks using a variety of tools in sand, foam and on whiteboards. They will move onto learning how to hold a pencil effectively to follow lines and patterns. They will learn to recognise their name and begin to copy over and under an adult's writing. They will draw pictures of themselves and their families, describing what they have drawn to an adult. Children will enjoy a variety of books and stories relating to the topic and will begin to join in with some familiar traditional tales.

PSE Development

The children will be introduced to the Golden Rules and our Investors in Pupils scheme, where they will set a class target for us all to work towards. Star points are being given daily and stickers to encourage good behaviour and positive learning attitude. Special mentions will be given on Fridays and displayed underneath their picture in the cloakroom. They will learn how to share, take turns and how to be kind towards their new friends. They will participate in carpet time sessions, where they will ask questions, give their thoughts and learn to listen to others. The children will also learn how to keep safe.

Marvellous Me

Lower Foundation Autumn



Physical

Children will participate in lots of activities designed to build their gross motor skills. They will thread objects onto string, paint on large paper, dance like leaves in the breeze and use chunky chalks outside. Once they have begun to develop these skills, they will move onto developing their fine motor skills. Activities will include pencil walks, using small peg boards, picking up objects with tweezers and using scissors. Children will participate in a weekly "Dough Disco" session, where they will learn how to manipulate dough in time to music.

Expressive Arts

The children will enjoy using a range of creative media including paints, chalks, crayons, playdough, foam and collage materials. They will learn how to put an apron on and roll up their sleeves to keep clean whilst working. They will create lots of artwork including self-portraits, autumn leaf rubbings, fruit and veg print pictures and pictures of celebrations such as Bonfire Night. Children will then display their artwork on boards in the classroom to share with parents and carers. We will finish the term by creating a 2017 calendar, special Christmas card and a Christmas performance.

Mathematics

Children will begin to look at numbers 1-10. They will learn to count to 10 verbally and will begin to count small groups of objects by lining them up and pointing to each in turn. They will sort a variety of objects into different groups, such as by size or colour. They will begin to learn the names of simple shapes and will use them to create pictures. Children will play lots of Maths games to reinforce their learning and apply their new skills. Towards the end of the term children will begin to learn how to form numbers correctly and will go on a number hunt in the classroom!