

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 autumnal changes. This will include lots of exploration work in the wilderness behind our school building. Please make sure your children are prepared with correct clothing. We will look into our own individuality and uniqueness and begin to describe this. The children will look at a number of celebrations from around the world including Bonfire Night, Halloween, Diwali and celebrate Christmas with a performance.

Relationships and Health

The children will be introduced to the Golden Rules and our Investors in Pupils awards scheme. Star points will be given daily and stickers are awarded to encourage good behaviour and a positive learning attitude. Special mentions will be given on Fridays and these will be displayed underneath the child's 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 in different situations.

Expressive Arts

The children will enjoy using a range of creative media including paints, chalks, crayons, playdough, foam and collage materials. They will create lots of artwork including self-portraits, autumn leaf rubbings, fruit and vegetable print pictures and pictures of celebrations. Children will then display their artwork on boards in the classroom to share with parents and carers. Lots of work will be undertaken with musical instruments, creating sounds and responding to instructions. We will finish the term by creating a 2020 calendar and a special Christmas card for parents.

English

The children will develop their fine and gross motor movements to develop muscle memory and control. Activities will include threading, using tweezers, pegboards 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 draw pictures of themselves and their families, describing what they have drawn to an adult. Children will enjoy a newly selected variety of books and stories relating to the topic. Self-initiation is desired in the unit and newly devised activities will be planned weekly to independently engage children into these areas.

Marvellous Me

Lower Foundation Autumn



Physical Education

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" and "Foam Party" session. Children will also take part in weekly PE lessons in the hall.

Mathematics

Children will play games to help them recognise the numbers from 1 to 5. 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 many games to reinforce their learning and apply their new skills. We will be pushing for children's independent engagement with maths activities. Maths will also be visible in the outdoors and new resources have been purchased to generate children's self-independence in this area.