

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

In class we will be focusing on; following rules, making positive choices and learning to manage our feelings. We will also be encouraging the children to say when they do or do not need help.

Help your child by: Talking about emotions and describing your own feelings using a range of different words. When reading stories you can talk about the different characters, emotions and even suggest possible solutions to improve things.

Literacy

We will be encouraging the children to become confident writers and develop their sentence building skills with the use of finger spaces and full stops in their writing. In reading we will continue to read a range of books through our guided reading sessions and identify the difference between lower case and upper case letters.

Help your child by: Continue to read a range of books with your child. Show your child you are a reader and a writer by making sure they see you write shopping lists, messages and even your own stories! Help your child to distinguish between lower case and upper case letters by looking at lettering in books.

Expressive Arts and Design

Through learning about tastes around the world we will also be looking at different instruments and music from around the world. We will be learning new stories and using our drama skills to act them out.

Help your child by: Encourage your child to retell stories after reading a favourite book, draw characters from the stories, and perform songs to family and friends.



Communication and Language

We will be continuing to learn how to listen to our partners and respond to questions.

Help your child by: Speaking to your child using full sentences and a helping them to reply using the same.



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Physical Development

We will be continuing our PE lessons and strengthening the use of our gross-motor and fine-motor skills through pushing, patting, throwing, catching and kicking.

Help your child by: Encouraging them to dress and undress themselves at home. We would also love to see some of the great games and activities you do with your children uploaded onto Tapestry so we can share these with their friends! **Please bring spare clothes for your child to keep at school.**

Mathematics

We will be focusing on language related to time and money. We will also revise the use of language related to weight and position.

Help your child by: Help your child to become familiar with the different coins that we use every day. Compare the weight of household items e.g. which is heavier a tin of beans or a pair of slippers?

Don't forget:

- Spare clothes for your child.
- Wellington boots for school (if available).
- Junk modelling brought in to class.
- Book bags in every day!
- **Please put names on all items of clothing!**

We would really appreciate a donation to help pay for everyday consumables used in the classroom to support your child's learning. We suggest a contribution of £3 or whatever you are happy to donate which can be given to any of the Reception staff. – Thank you! ☺

We are a healthy eating school, so please ensure that for birthdays you bring something in that helps us provide children with a healthy snack (optional).

Understanding the World

To introduce our new topic tastes from around the world we will be looking at different foods from around the world. The children will have the opportunity to make and taste a range of foods. We also will be looking at different cultures, places and people from around the world.

Help your child by: When preparing a traditional dish, ask your children to assist you and talk about the different ingredients. We will also be inviting parents in to school to share food from around the world. If you would like to participate in this please let the reception team know.

These are some of the texts we will be reading this half term, **Handa's surprise**, **The little red hen**, **Lion hunt**