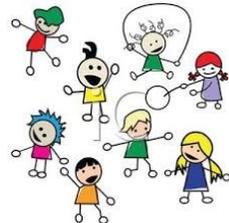


Personal, Social and EmotionalDevelopment

This half term we will be working on the 'Taking Care' project with the children. This is very important as it teaches them how to keep themselves safe and how to ask for help when they need it. Information is in the leaflets sent out at Half Term. It is also anti-bully week this half term and we will be working on what makes a good friend and celebrating our differences.

Physical Development

This half term we are going to use the large scale building materials outside for a builders yard to encourage big gross motor movements to help support writing. We are also learning some Bollywood dance and other forms of dance in P.E and in preparation for our Christmas play, to help us learn to move in a variety of different ways.

Communication and Language

It is really important that the children feel comfortable to communicate to familiar and new people in school. During this half term we will be encouraging children to talk about keeping safe with the 'Taking care' project and teaching them how we can use language to make others feel special during the anti-bullying week. We will also be learning Makaton signs so we can communicate with others in a different way.

Mathematics

During this half term we will be singing lots of number songs and rhymes. We will be looking at naming, recognising, counting and ordering the numbers 0-20. Number work will be embedded by looking at 1 more and 1 less than a given number in 0-10 or 0-20. The children will also be learning about 2D shapes and weight in a variety of different story contexts.

Literacy

We will be using lots of stories about people and animals, to base our literacy work on this term. We will retell the stories sing songs and make up our own versions of the stories. We will also be applying phonics to help us write words and labels. We will also start guided reading and this means we will be practising different reading strategies such as blending sounds, using the picture clues and finding repeated simple words like 'the' and 'to' to help us read simple sentences.

Understanding of the World

This half term we will take time to talk about different cultural festivals such as Diwali and Christmas and we will be looking at cultures and practises and how they differ. We will also learn about the history of Bonfire night and who Guy Fawkes was. We will explore how fireworks are made and will make our own rockets! We will be looking at the changes in our environment during winter and we will carry out some exciting ice experiments!

Expressive Arts and Design

This half term we will do lots of acting and role play based on stories. The children will also be rehearsing for their Christmas play! We will be learning all the songs that we will be singing in the play and we will be learning to perform on stage ready for an audience later on in the term.

We will also be making our very own Diva lamps using clay.

