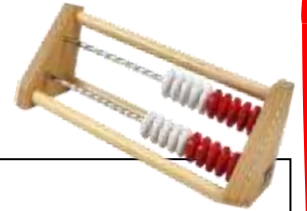




Reception Learning Journey



Literacy

Our book to explore this term is *The Storm Whale* by Benji Davies. We will explore the story through our story friends, Opening Octopus, Build up Bear, Problem Penguin and Ending Elephant. The children will then use our story friends to write their own friendship story.

In phonics we continue to learn new sounds and review previously taught sounds. We will be practising applying our phonics knowledge in our writing, including the use of digraphs. We will continue to use "Fred talk" to help us read unfamiliar words. Children will also be encouraged to speed up their reading using "Fred in your head".

Understanding the World

This term takes us on a voyage across and under water. Children will compare underwater habitats and creatures in different parts of the world. They will learn about people who help us in water too.

They will journey back to the past and learn about the Liverpool's docks, transport and schools, studying how they have changed over time. They will learn about the historic voyage of the Titanic and find out about some important explorers in history. Finally, we will investigate which objects float and sink in water.

Communication and Language

Children will focus on developing their communication and language skills through group discussions, sharing ideas and learning to express themselves. Storytelling sessions will encourage them to explore narratives, characters and settings, fostering a love for storytelling and expression. Additionally, children will expand their vocabulary through a wide range of fiction and non-fiction texts, learning to use new vocabulary in context. Through circle time discussions, children will develop their ability to listen to each other and respond, sometimes with appropriate questions.

Mathematics

This term children will be exploring measure, capacity, volume, weight, length and money. They measure objects using nonstandard units and use language related to measure accurately. They will continue to explore pattern within number and the composition of number, ensuring secure number sense. This will be supported through the use of Rekenreks.

Personal Social & Emotional Development

This term pupils will explore what it means to us to be growing up and changing. We will consider this in the context of moving to Year 1 and also share memories of the year we have had together in Reception. As the weather changes we will explore keeping ourselves safe in the sun.

Expressive Art & Design

Children will be introduced to locally inspired art and music, such as Peter Blake's *Dazzle Ferry*. They will consider their use of colour and develop their fine motor and scissor skills through cutting. They will listen to a variety of music relating to our 'underwater' theme, and recreate water sounds

Physical Development

This term children will take part in their first ever Sports Day - learning the joy of competition in sport. We will also continue to use our bikes, scooters and climbing equipment to develop core strength and gross motor skills. Fine motor skills will continue to be developed through scissor work and small tools for drawing.

LC+

Our focus will be on developing our understanding of processes and changes in the natural world around us, including changing states of matter. Later on, we look at transition to Year 1, making sure children feel ready and resilient for their move upstairs! We will read stories about change, visit Year 1 classrooms and talk to current Year 1 children and teachers too. Children will have plenty of opportunities to ask questions and share any worries



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