

Literacy

Following the “Little Wandle” Phonics scheme, we will learn to recall the sounds made by single letters and to use these letters and sounds to read and write simple words. We will read stories as a class and discuss the characters and our favourite parts of the story. These will include stories relating to our topics, beginning with stories about ourselves, our families and our feelings. During our child-initiated learning time We will be able to explore the reading corner, where we share stories with our friends and the adults in class. Following the Herts for Learning writing scheme, we will be learning to create simple books about ourselves and our favourite stories. We will also have access to the writing area which holds a variety of mark making resources during every child-initiated learning session.

Communication and Language

We will be given opportunities to talk about our likes, dislikes, families and birthday experiences during our topic ‘All About Me’. We will be able to share our green books with our friends, sharing the information and photos from home with our friends. This term our teachers will focus on helping us verbally express our wants and needs to them and our peers.

Mathematics

We will be learning to ‘master’ numbers this year. We will begin by learning numbers 1-5 in depth. This will include learning about the composition of these numbers, subitising within 5, as well as developing our counting skills, matching quantities to numerals up to 10 and verbally counting to 20.

We will also look at basic shapes and their properties. Our teachers will challenge us to recognise these shapes in everyday objects.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

As we settle into our classroom, we will be learning the classroom routines and rules and learning about our new friends. We will take part in ‘getting to know you’ games and will be developing our turn taking and sharing skills during child-initiated learning, using language which supports these skills, e.g. asking to play with a toy. We will learn about the zones of regulation and discuss how we feel and how others may feel in certain situations.

Expressive Arts & Design

We will explore using a wide range of media to create, including collage, painting, drawing and model making. We will learn to choose, shape and join resources with increasing independence. We will explore colour mixing. Later in the term, we will explore celebrations of light including Diwali and Christmas. We will make firework pictures, splatter paintings, rangoli and mehndi patterns. In music, we will learn new songs and explore rhymes and poems. We will move in time to the music. We will also learn songs for Harvest and Christmas. In our child-initiated learning, we will create narratives with our friends through role play and small world activities.



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Class 1

Physical Development

Each morning, we will engage with a fine motor activity, to help get our hands ready for writing. A range of fine motor activities will be available throughout the day, including cutting, threading, drawing and sticking. We will also practice using our knives and forks at lunch to cut up our food and eat. We will have P.E lessons twice a week, learning to move in a range of ways and to use equipment with good control.

Understanding of the World

We will start the year by exploring the topic ‘All About Me’. We will talk about ourselves and also learn about different families, houses and homes. We will discuss our own past and present, through the photos shared from home and sharing our memories of our own past. We will learn about Autumn and look for changes in the environment around us. We will learn about a variety of celebrations including bonfire night, Diwali and Christmas.