



## Literacy

This term we continue to give children access to a variety of fiction and non-fiction books, enjoying stories at the end of each day. We will now introduce a weekly book vote where the children vote for their favourite book of the week and this is displayed in the classroom with some of their favourite parts.

The children are working hard with their phonics and handwriting now, and this term they will begin to combine the two skills, writing cvc words using correct formation.



## Mathematics

This term there is more of a focus on counting accurately and carefully, knowing how many are in a set (the cardinal number) and using the language of 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> etc (the ordinal number).

The children will then be exploring numbers beyond 5 and the composition of those numbers in relation to 5 '5 and bit'.



## Expressive Arts & Design

Children are being introduced to a variety of techniques, giving them opportunities to develop their art and design skills.

The artist we are focussing on this term is Georgia O'Keefe, who is well known for her large flower and landscape paintings.

The children will also be learning new songs for their year group production.



## Communication & Language

The children are working on listening for the question words who, what, where, when, why and how and knowing how to answer them in full sentences. They will also be given lots of opportunities to practise asking their own questions.

Introducing new and ambitious vocabulary continues to be a focus and this term presents lots of opportunities for children to explore and experiment with new words, from speaking to our interesting visitors, learning about new countries and role playing our airport experiences.

## Understanding the World

This is a lovely term for learning about the world around us. We are looking at our local area and different places children have visited. We have visitors coming in to talk to the children about their jobs and how they help people. The children will get a lovely opportunity to visit the library and some places locally.

As the weather continues to change, we will look at the changes from Winter to Spring.



## Reception Spring Term

I Wonder.....What's Out There?



### How you can help at home

We always encourage parents to share stories with their children, as well as their reading books.

Don't forget to use Tapestry to see what your child is learning at home and how you can support them.

Keep using Reading Eggs and Numbots and regularly.



### Physical Development

Our outdoor area will continue to be used throughout the winter and spring, the slide is particularly fast in the rain! There is plenty of challenge in the outdoor area for children to risk assess and appropriately develop their gross motor muscles.

In PE the children are learning lots of different ball skills and team games, extra challenges are given where they use different sized balls and demonstrate more control over speed and direction.

Letter formation continues to be a focus, with children holding their pencils correctly and showing good control and pressure. We will also be continuing to develop children's scissor skills and giving lots of opportunities for children to use a range of tools.