

Our theme for Autumn 2017 is 'Food Glorious Food'

Mathematical Development

The children will have one or two formal maths inputs each week this term. These sessions will be teacher led and will help the children to understand the building blocks of early number. During the week, the children will be given many opportunities through unstructured and open ended play to explore what they have learnt during these guided sessions. We have a farm shop which will allow the children to use their understanding of number and money. If you can help them with counting objects (pennies, peas on a plate, cars etc) one at a time, this will enhance their understanding of counting and number.

Possible Adult-led Activities

As well as the open ended learning, there will be opportunities for the children to learn about the following.

- Harvests around the world customs and traditions
- We will have a go at making corn dollies.
- We will be baking a harvest loaf and vegetable soup
- We will also be talking about taking care of ourselves and staying healthy.

Possible Adult-led Activities

- In RE, we will be celebrating festivals and marking special days about the world around us. We will be thinking about why God is special to Christians and developing our ideas through singing, craft and messy play.
- During Anti-bullying week (November 13th – 17th) we will be looking to make a leaflet about how we recognise and tackle bullying in school.
- We will also be using our time to think about being responsible and thinking about our actions.
- Please look at the Good Samaritan information and choose some of the independent challenges to try at home – more details to follow.

In Early Years, we believe that children learn best when they choose where and how they would like to learn. As staff it is our role to observe and interact with the children, noticing the teaching opportunities and using them to progress the children's learning and develop their next steps. The majority of our resources are unstructured and open ended. This means that the children can use their own imaginations and ideas and that we are not dictating how or with what the children should be playing.

Our Role Play Areas are set up for the children in EYFS and KS1 initially as a farm shop in our outdoor area. Our indoor area is currently a nursery for our new 'babies'. These areas will be adapted and changed in line with the children's interests.

Speaking, Listening, Reading and Writing

The children will have daily phonics sessions and will begin to bring home reading books. They will also be exposed to a variety of books and stories daily.

Through circle times and interest led learning, the children will have opportunities to listen to their peers and to offer their thoughts and opinions. The children will have opportunities in every aspect of their learning to develop their early writing skills and will have 'Dough Disco' twice weekly to help develop hand muscles ready for writing.

Possible Adult-led Activities

- We will be creating moves for the song Dingle Dangle Scarecrow.
- The children have a daily input of 'Leap into Life' which gives them the physical skills that they will need to build on throughout the school.

THE VISIT/VISITOR

Local farm visit

Visit from a dentist or nurse

Understanding the World

A big focus in Class 1 this term will be that of food from around the world. We will have weekly cookery opportunities for the children as well as introducing them to our Good Samaritan Award – more details to follow. We will be looking at staying healthy and taking care of ourselves.

Understanding of Faith Belief and Cultures

Our theme this term is celebrations across the world and in different faith groups. We will be investigating Harvest celebrations around the world and continuing our Good Samaritan Challenges – watch out for them coming home soon. Central to all of our thinking will be British Values.

Physical Development

Once again, we have a variety of activities to encourage a range of physical development. The children will also take part in our weekly PE session at the village hall.

Expressive Art & Design

In addition to their own interests, the children will have the opportunity to take part in many other activities during this term. We have our own purpose built stage as well as several role play areas and a mud kitchen.

Possible Adult-led ICT Activities

- Your children will be given a login to use our Bug Club which is an on-line reading scheme. It is designed for all year groups and is great fun for the children, whilst helping them to develop their reading skills. Have a look at <https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk/login?c=0> and watch out for the login coming home with more information.

Possible Adult-led Activities

- Regular baking, cooking and tasting beginning with our harvest loaf.
- Looking at food as art and using fruit and vegetables to create prints.
- Performing traditional rhymes and songs linked to food and farming at harvest
- After half term we will begin learning our school nativity play.