

Communication and language

This term we will be focusing on listening carefully in all situations. We will be listening to stories, developing our vocabulary and responding to instructions. We will be learning to answer how and why questions.

Personal, Social, Emotional Development

During the term we will focus on getting to know each other. We will learn the rules and routines of the class. We will be learning about sharing and managing our own feelings and behaviour.

Physical Development

We will be having weekly P.E sessions to help develop our agility, balance and co-ordination. We will be focusing on pencil grip and scissor grip. We will also be focusing on independent toileting and dressing and undressing for P.E. We will be having weekly outdoor learning opportunities in our forest school area.

Literacy

We will be having daily phonics sessions and our focus will be learning initial sounds and blending them to read words. We will be learning to form our letters and write our name and simple words. We will need to continue to read every day at home.

Ideas to support learning at home:

The night is all right! Why not do some stargazing together after dark, either from your garden or, even better, a rural location with minimal light pollution? There are apps you can use on your phone to help you to identify stars and constellations! You could also keep a dream diary, noting down and comparing dreams with each other. Alternatively, talk to people in your family who have worked at night. What are the similarities and differences between working in the day compared to at night?

What happens when I go to sleep?



Mathematics

We will be learning to recognise numbers to 5. We will be adding 1 more. We will be comparing numbers. We will be ordering numbers. We will be identifying missing numbers. We will learn the key principles of counting. We will be learning to name and describe shapes. We will be learning to describe position. We will be learning to continue a repeating pattern with two colours/shapes/objects. We will be focusing on above but will be extended by working within numbers to 20.

Expressive Art and Design

Through this area of development, we will be learning about Vincent Van Gogh and recreating his picture 'Starry Night'

RE

We will be focusing on who we are and what makes us special. We will be learning about Harvest.

Understanding the World

We will be learning about People who help us at night. We will be learning about the differences between night and day and about animals that come out at night.

Welcome to Class One. This term promises to be a very busy and exciting learning journey! Here are a few notes for your information...

Learning Journey - Although we teach through termly topics, we do plan from the children's interests. This means that during the term, mini topics, which will have arisen from the interests of the children, may be taught.

PE - PE will be on a Tuesday. Please ensure that your child has the correct kit in school on this day. (Please check to make sure that all items of uniform are labelled.)

Reading - All children have been given a reading book to share at home. Please sign and date your child's reading record. Once children have read/shared the book 3 times the book will be changed.

Wellies - Please could all children have a pair of wellies in school. Our outdoor learning area does get rather muddy!

Should you have any thoughts, contributions or concerns - please do not hesitate to leave a message with the school office so that I may arrange a mutually convenient appointment to speak with you.

Thanks and best wishes,

J. Burrows