

Year R Term 1-ALL ABOUT ME

LITERACY

This term, we will be reading a number of topic related stories including: The family book, A place called home, I like this, you like that, The feelings book, Looking after your body and Super Duper you!

We will be talking about starting school, our families and our home. We will build our vocabulary around these themes. Next, we will be listening to stories about feelings, keeping our body healthy and being unique.

Each day, we will be learning selected phonemes from the Little Wandle phonics scheme and learning how to blend orally, moving to blending the phonemes to read CVC words such as pat, can, dip.

MATHEMATICS

This term we will be counting objects and learning to recognise numerals from 1 to 5. We will sing lots of number rhymes such as: 5 Little Ducks, 5 Little Monkeys and 1,2,3,4,5 once I caught a fish alive as well as play number games like hopscotch. We will learn how to sort objects based on similarities e.g. sorting by colour, size or purpose. Finally, we will use autumn natural materials, like conkers and leaves, to make simple patterns.

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

We will develop our fine motor skills by using tweezers to pick things up, using scissors to cut a variety of materials and threading beads. We will also use playdough in different ways during 'dough disco'. This will help our hand muscles to develop and support our early writing.

We will develop our gross motor skills by riding bikes around our outside area and building obstacle courses. We will play games with balls and beanbags and take part in large construction play.

PERSONAL, SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

We will be learning to share and collaborate with each other, developing relationships and making friends. We will be talking about our feelings and understanding how our actions can make other people feel. We will work on turn taking and sharing toys through games and classroom activities. We will begin to explore self-control, thinking about strategies to help us when we are feeling cross. We will also be developing our independence through the understanding of daily routines and class rules and behaviour expectations.

COMMUNICATION AND LANGUAGE

We will be developing our vocabulary through the use of the role play area which will be a familiar setting of 'home'. We will have lots of circle times where we will have opportunities to talk about ourselves, our likes and dislikes. We will also use this time to practice listening to what our friends are sharing and responding to them. We will also have a story of the week, each week, which we will use to build our vocabulary. Our classroom has been made to include lots of small talk spaces so we can improve our communication skills by chatting with our peers.

Understand the World

We will think about where we live and where our school is. We will look at an aerial image of our school and talk about how we travel to school. We will talk about the past by sharing memories of significant events like our birthdays!

RE

This term in RE we will be learning about Harvest Festival and how it is celebrated in churches. We will develop our awareness of ourselves and our sense of belonging to the Mundella school community. We will think about our family and what makes us unique and special.

EXPRESSIVE ARTS & DESIGN

We will look at ourselves focusing on our faces and create self-portraits using a variety of different media including natural materials. We will look at the self-portraits created by Frida Kahlo and create our own in a similar style. We will respond to music creatively through singing and dancing.