

Prime Areas of Learning

Big Question: "How do the seasons affect us?"

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

- Developing self-confidence, positive learning attitudes & an emotional literacy.
- Learning to manage their own feelings, personal needs & behaviour
- Encouraging healthy lifestyles
- *Weekly Jigsaw lesson: Celebrating Differences*
 - Exploring similarities & differences
 - Exploring friendship

Communication & Language

- Developing Oracy skills through discussions & games
- Chatting & weekly 'Show & Tell'
- Listening to, enjoying & responding to a variety of topic related stories & rhymes
- Lots of role-play opportunities inspired by stories & children's interests.

Physical Development

- Developing their gross & fine motor skills
- Learning to handle equipment, tools & pencils effectively
- Daily 'Funky Fingers' activities
- A weekly PE lesson with PE coach Matt Tanner, focussing on fundamental movement skills.

Specific Areas of Learning

Literacy

- Key Texts: Autumn themed fiction and non-fiction, including - Ouch!, Fletcher's Leaves, The First Christmas
- Literacy lessons & guided writing opportunities
- Independent mark making & writing opportunities throughout provision, inspired by key texts & our topic
- Book sharing, story CD's & one-to-one reading
- Develop phonological awareness through rhyme, song and poems.
- Daily phonics using Phonics Bug: Phase 2 and 3
- Systematic sequencing of letters, their sounds & their formation
- Developing blending and segmenting skills

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Mathematics

- Enjoying number rhymes, songs & games
- Exploring & applying maths through continuous provision

White Rose Maths: Circles & Triangles

- Identify, name & compare circles & triangles
- Describing position

White Rose Maths: 1,2,3,4,5

- Identifying, subitising and representing 4 & 5
- 1 more & 1 less
- Composition 1,2,3,4 & 5

White Rose Maths: Shapes with 4 Sides

- Identify, name & compare squares & rectangles
- Time: Day & night

Characteristics of Effective Teaching & Learning

Active Learning

- Being involved & concentrating
- Maintaining focus

Enrichment Opportunities
Perform in our Nativity!

Creating & Thinking Critically

- Having your own ideas
- Finding ways to solve problems

Playing & Exploring

- Finding out & exploring
- Engaging in open-ended activities
- 'Can do' attitude

Understanding of the World

- Past & Present
 - Christmas story - Comparing life during Christmas story and now
 - Guy Fawkes story & Bonfire Night
- People, Cultures & Communities
 - *Weekly FaB lesson, inc. Diwali*
 - Christmas celebrations
 - Exploring maps of school
 - Christmas in other countries
- The Natural World
 - *Forest school session*
 - *Observing seasonal change*
- Computing, using iPads, Beebots & Interactive Whiteboard

Expressive Arts & Design

- Creating autumn & Christmas themed art, including pine cone hedgehogs, leaf crowns and Christmas decorations.
- Diwali activities - diva pots, rangoli patterns.
- Music - *Kapow - Celebrations!*
- Performing in our Nativity production.