

Prime areas of learning

Communication and language

The children will be working on the following skills this half term:

- Following instructions.
- Begin to understand why and how questions.
- Listen and responds to ideas expressed by others in conversations.
- Questions why things happen.
- Uses talk to organise, sequence and clarify thinking about feelings and events.

Physical development

Every morning the children will take part in busy fingers, developing their fine motor skills. This will include activities such as threading, snipping and drawing lines and circles.

Reception children will be working on games skills this half term.

This will include negotiating space when playing racing and chasing games and adjusting speed or changing direction to avoid obstacles. They will also be working on forming letters correctly.

Nursery children will also be developing their ability to run skilfully and negotiate space. We will also be developing their abilities to hold pens and pencils with increasing control.

Personal, social and emotional

The children will be involved in a circle time session each week. This half term our topic will be based around "Getting on and Falling out". Children will be introduced to the issues of co-operating with others and working in a group. They will have the opportunity to develop and practise the social skills of sharing and taking turns. Alongside this we will be talking about staying safe at home and when out and about.

Themes / interests Celebrations

Traditional Tales/Stories

Goldilocks
The Gingerbread man
Little Red Riding Hood
Jack and the Beanstalk

RE- Incarnation

Children will be learning about how Christians believe that Jesus is God and that he was born as a baby in Bethlehem.

Christians celebrate Jesus' birth, and Advent for Christians is a time for getting ready for Jesus' coming.

Monday 18th December
Rapunzel at the
Pantomime

Thursday 7th December
Christmas Party at
Barkway

Specific areas of learning

Literacy

The children will be focussing on a range of texts as a stimulus for learning each week. They will focus on

- Listening to stories in small groups.
- Joining in with repeated refrains.
- Sometimes giving meaning to marks as they draw or write.

Reception children will also have a daily phonics session

Mathematics

The children will continue to take part in daily focussed maths activity. **Nursery children** will focus on matching numeral to quantities separates a group of three or four objects and begins to recognise the total is the same and shows an interest in shapes in the environment. **Reception children-** begin to use vocabulary of addition and subtraction, records using marks and continue to develop their ability to write numbers correctly.

Understanding the world

The children will be involved in a range of activities based around the stories they hear. They will be encouraged to talk about people who are familiar to them, show care and concern for the environment, talk about how things work and learn how to operate simple equipment. In computing the theme is "Finding out". The children will be using various technologies and physical onscreen resources to investigate the world around them.

Expressive arts and design

The children will have the opportunity to engage in role play based on the traditional tales we read. They will develop their ability to introduce a story line in their play and work co-operatively with others. We will also be using junk modelling to build our own beds for the three bears and design and make our own sandwiches for Red Riding Hood to take when visiting Grandma. In music the children will continue to build up their repertoire of songs and develop their ability to tap out simple rhythms.