EYFS

Curriculum Overview
Spring 1

Communication and Language

This term, our theme is Time for an adventure! Through carefully chosen adventure stories, children will develop sustained listening, attention and spoken language. We will focus on a small number of key texts, revisiting them in different ways to deepen understanding and confidence. Adults will intentionally model and repeat more ambitious vocabulary supporting children to understand and begin to use new words.

Phonics

Children continue to develop their early reading and writing through daily phonics sessions using the Read Write Inc. programme. Children are taught in small, carefully matched groups based on their next steps, allowing teaching to be closely focused and responsive. Building on prior learning, children will practise blending sounds to read words and use 'Fred Fingers' to support spelling. They may bring home different resources to support their group's learning – please use these to reinforce skills at home.

Maths

We will continue to develop our counting skills through a daily maths session, alongside varied opportunities throughout the day to apply and practice these skills. We will continue to develop our object counting skills and link this to cardinality. We will use our fingers to represent numbers between 5 and 10 and begin to see that numbers within 10 can be composed of '5 and a bit'.

Personal, Social, Emotional Development

This half term's Jigsaw theme is 'Dreams and Goals'. We will talk about challenges, facing up to them and know what it means to feel proud when we have achieved a goal. We will learn about using kind words to encourage others when they are working towards a goal of their own.

RE

Linking to Chinese New Year, we will learn about 'Special Times'. We will talk about times that are special to us, such as birthdays, and times that are special to lots of people such as festivals. We will immerse ourselves in some Chinese New Year celebrations, including dancing and food tasting!

Expressive Arts and Design

We will immerse ourselves in Chinese New Year celebrations by making decorations and cards and performing our very own dragon dance! We will watch clips of dragon dances to inspire us and talk about how these make us feel. We will work collaboratively to make the props we need for our performance along with experimenting with percussion sounds to accompany it.

Understanding the World

This term, children will deepen their understanding of the world through first-hand experiences. We will 'adopt a tree' and take part in the Big Schools' Birdwatch to observe and talk about changes in the natural world. Children will learn about Chinese New Year, exploring how people celebrate in different cultures. To support understanding of the past and present, children will compare old and modern objects and create simple timelines of events in their lives.

PE

In PE lessons we will learn about high, low, under and over movements in our gymnastics sessions. We will learn how to use PE apparatus safely.

Handwriting

We will continue to practise how to form the 'long ladder letters' and will now move onto learning how to form the 'one armed robot letters' and the 'curly caterpillar letters'.