

A circular arrangement of diverse children holding hands, some standing and some upside down, forming a ring around the central text. The children are wearing various colorful clothing. In the background, there is a faint, large watermark of a stylized 'S' or spiral shape.

Foundation Stage Curriculum Map

Autumn 1 All about me

Our Golden Skills

In our school we believe that in order for children to become better learners, there are golden skills that are embedded in all learning. Each week we will focus on developing one of our Golden Skills.



SMSC

Spiritual - We will be developing our spirituality within class Liturgies, whole school Statement to Live by Liturgies and weekly Bible stories. We will also send home our Prayer Bear each day and share these prayers with the class. In our RE lessons we will be learning about Ourselves and why we are special.

Moral- We will be working on this by thinking about sharing our problems in circle time and thinking about the right thing to do. We will be linking this to our books of the week and discussing some of the problems in the books and how they can be solved.

Social- This half term we will be concentrating on how to be nice friends, and how get along and play with our friends. We will be developing this through key worker time and talking about what makes a good friend. We will be making links with our local community by visiting Church for Mass, and will get to know our Year 6 Prayer Partners.

Cultural- We are very lucky to have a wide variety of cultures at our school with children speaking many different languages. We will be working with the children to show them that we are all special, no matter how we look or speak.

Prime Areas

PSED

We will be talking about how we feel about starting school, and will be looking at good examples of friendly behaviour towards our friends. We will be focussing on our class and school rules, and thinking carefully about why we have these rules and how we can follow them.

We will also be walking around the school grounds on an Autumn walk so that we can see the effect of the changing seasons on our local environment.

We will be sharing our class mascots and talking about our different families and interests.

SMSC

We are very lucky to have a wide variety of languages in FS2 and we will be showing the children that we are all special even though we may look different or speak different languages.

Communication and Language

We will be reading lots of stories which all share the theme of 'Myself and All about me'. We will be discussing the key events and sharing ideas with talk partners. We will gain a greater understanding of the importance of listening to others as well as contributing our own ideas. Why don't you share some stories with your child and talk about the main events in the story. We would love to hear all about the stories you have been reading!



Physical Development

We will be developing our fine motor skills in a number of ways to enable us to develop our pencil grip and control. At home can you help your children with their fine motor development by threading with pasta and string, making biscuits and handling the dough or making Loom band bracelets.

In PE we will be concentrating on moving safely in different ways using gymnastic apparatus.



Specific Areas

Literacy

Below are the stories that we will be focussing on this half term.

Starting School by Roderick Hunt and Alex Brychta

Harry and the dinosaurs go to school by Ian Whybrow

Funny Bones by Janet and Allan Ahlberg

Going to school by Usborne First Experiences

Peace at Last by Jill Murphy

The Great Big Book of Families by Mary Hoffman

Non-fiction senses book

We will continue to practise our phase 2 and phase 3 sounds using the Jolly Phonics actions and rhymes.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Djz82FBIug>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OYcKbK9RTkU>



Mathematics

During this half term we are focussing on our number knowledge of 1-10. We are undertaking different activities which help us to count, recognise and order the numbers. We will also be finding more and less than familiar numbers.

In addition to this we will be looking at ordering objects by size, and recognising repeating patterns.

Expressive Arts and Design

We will explore rhythm and beats in music, and will allow children the opportunity to make their own music using a variety of instruments. We will also be making homes using junk modelling equipment, and will practise drawing and painting self-portraits as we explore what we look like.

Understanding the World

We are going to be looking closely about what happens as the seasons change, especially in our Foundation Stage garden. We will be talking about what is happening to our trees, and discussing why.

We will be talking about our family traditions, and will be looking at different families and how we all live in different ways. We will use computer technology to investigate this further.

Dates for your Diary

Reading books

These are changed as often as you would like. We provide a selection of books in the classroom for you to change with the children.

Monday

Homework to be handed in.

Wednesday

New homework to be given out.

Friday

PE: please take all jewellery off before coming to school.

Important Dates

- Tuesday 17th October – Foundation Stage Family Tea Party at 2.30pm