



Physical Development:

We will introduce a daily music and movement routine to help children to improve their balance, and to experiment with moving in different ways, at different speeds and directions - safely. Linked to this, we will encourage them to notice changes in their bodies before and after exercise. Children will be encouraged to join in with daily snack time, helping to prepare the food, and talk about which foods keep our bodies healthy. We will be helping children to become more independent with their self-care, including toileting, hand washing and getting ready for outdoor play.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development:

We will continue to help the children to recognise routines and boundaries within pre-school, and to work within these.

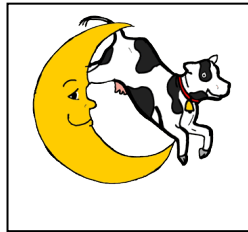
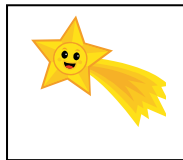
We will help children to explore their own feelings, thoughts and behaviours - by introducing a daily circle time activity as part of registration.

A range of adult-led games and activities will help children to further develop their turn-taking skills.

Knowledge and Understanding:

We will be spending a lot of time outside, observing and discussing changes in the seasons. This will include watching the leaves change colour, the shorter day times and the colder weather. We will learn about what animals do during the Autumn and Winter.

Children will be talking about their own families, and the special times they enjoy with different family members.

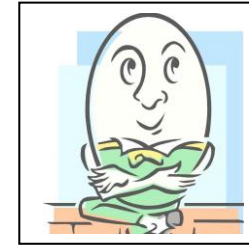


Mathematics:

Many traditional tales and rhymes include mathematical language, eg big, middle-sized and small. We will use this to help children as they become more confident in exploring these terms and giving them practical sorting and ordering activities. Some children will continue with their counting, while others will be working on number recognition. We will introduce positional language into our practical activities too.

Once Upon a Time ...

Autumn Term 2019



Speech and Language:

This topic lends itself brilliantly to encouraging conversation, as we are working with stories and rhymes they may already know. By using these as a platform, we will look to support each child in improving their skills in listening and understanding. Children will also be invited to join a weekly 'Time to Talk' session. These sessions will be linked to children's personal interests, changes in the seasons as well as traditional stories and rhymes.

Literacy:

This topic provides us with the opportunity to share a wide range of texts, from classics like 'Little Red Riding Hood' and 'The Three Little Pigs' to modern favourites, including 'Bear Hunt' and 'The Gruffalo'. We will look at the characters, the plot and help the children to use their own imagination by suggesting alternative endings. Children will also take part in daily sessions where they will practise their listening skills. This will include nursery rhymes and poetry.

Expressive Arts & Design:

Children will be encouraged to paint and draw characters from stories and rhymes. They will also use various construction materials to build, eg a house for the pigs or a wall for Humpty. Music and dance will play a large part as we explore rhythms within the rhymes, linking this to our previous work with percussion instruments.