

Summer Two in Preschool

Literacy

Our topic for this term is "Around the World." We'll learn to use marks for a purpose and use them to write postcards or letters to someone special. We'll continue to engage in activities centred on print and continue to practise letter formation for our names.

We are reading...



We are continuing to develop our listening skills and will continue to sing rhymes linked to letters. We'll play a range of games and use the mirror to help us say letter sounds correctly. This will help us to get ready for our phonics sessions in September.

Maths

In Maths, we'll recap previous learning for consolidation and progression. We'll focus on cardinality and begin to engage in problem-solving scenarios, e.g., "If you have three raisins and I give you one more, how many would you have?"
At home, you can support your child's learning by encouraging them to count everyday objects and engage with mathematical opportunities.

Understanding of the World

As we explore the world around us, we will learn about the different continents, countries, cities, and animals, as well as how to say hello to each other in different languages. We'll engage with a selection of rich texts that celebrates diversity and broaden our understanding of the wider world.
Through these stories, we will examine the similarities and differences between cultures and take part in meaningful discussions, fostering curiosity, respect, and a sense of global community.

Art

We will be revisiting the work of renowned artists such as Picasso, Tom Noble, Sue Webster, and Henri Matisse. We will continue to engage in opportunities to explore a variety of media and techniques at our creative table. We'll begin to show a preference in our choices and selections in the resources we choose to achieve our intended goals.
We will engage in paint mixing and observe the changes between the colours to enable use to paint pictures with a flare.

Google Classroom

We will update Google Classroom weekly. There, you will find an overview of the learning that has taken place, along with ideas for home learning. These prompts will help you support your child in talking about school and sharing what they have been learning.

Don't forget to use Purple Mash, where you will find a range of exciting and educational computing activities.

Physical Development

We will continue to work on our pencil grip as we begin to form some readable letters. We'll engage in a range of activities to strengthen our hand muscles. Recently, we have added hanging balls and tennis rackets to our outdoor area, which will help us to build shoulder strength and to improve hand-eye coordination, both of which are essential for writing. We'll visit the trim trail regularly to challenge ourselves physically and learn to persevere when we are faced with a challenge.



Music

We will be listening to music from around the world and working on describing our preferences and the reasons why we like it. For example, "I like the African drumming music because it has a fast beat." We will also be working on copying and creating our own rhythms using musical instruments.



PSED

To support our transition to Reception, we will be taking part in a range of circle-time activities and reading stories about starting school. We will also be discussing strategies we can use to help ourselves if we feel worried.

Outdoor play

We'll use the outdoor garden to engage in mini nature lessons, focusing on making connections with our natural environment. This will provide opportunities to develop key skills and inspire a love of nature and caring for plants.

We'll also take part in games that encourage us to challenge ourselves and build effective teamwork skills.



Communication and Language

We'll continue to develop our vocabulary through stories and learn to make predictions. We'll learn to infer and use the word 'because' to explain our reasons. Additionally, we'll learn to respond to 'why' questions with clear explanations.

During carpet times, we'll engage in partner discussions focused on retrieval to support our comprehension. We'll learn to take part in back-and-forth conversations linked to our learning and begin to share our likes and dislikes with increasing confidence.

We'll also play a wide range of games designed to strengthen our listening and attention skills. Activities such as *Simon Says* and the *Bean Game* will encourage us to listen carefully to instructions, respond appropriately, and follow multi-step directions.