Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Now that we've all got to know each other a little better, we will work on developing the skills of working together. We will focus on tidying up, taking turns and also beginning to recognise our own feelings. We will also talk about why it's important to look after our learning environment and resources.



At home: Encourage helping out with jobs.

Literacy

Our day is filled with stories, songs and rhymes. We promote a love of reading, and there are books available in all areas. We will begin to use our sound knowledge to read simple words and continue to practise forming letters and writing the sounds we hear in words.



At home: Practise all the sounds in your blue book. Fred talk instructions – "Get your c – oa - + "

Communication and language



The development of the children's spoken language underpins all of our learning in Reception. We will be learning and using new vocabulary, learning to listen to each other and to have back and forth conversations. We will listen to stories, talk about experiences and sing songs.

At home: Learn a new word every week!

Physical Development

Children will have opportunities to develop both their fine and gross motor skills this half term, through playing with small, fiddly building materials and loose parts or dough, and by climbing, digging, lifting, carrying, balancing and running.



Bumblebee Class Learning Web

Reception



Maths

Now we will begin to look at numbers, starting with 1, 2 and 3. We will count accurately and learn about subitising. We will learn about ordering numbers, finding one more and less, and the composition of numbers to 3 initially, and then to 5. We will continue to look at the properties of shapes, and we will start to talk about time.



At home: Send children to find one more than two blocks, or one less than 5, etc. Ensure they touch when they count and give each object a number. How many altogether?

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Understanding the World

We will encourage children to explore and observe their natural environment, pointing out the weather, the Autumn leaves and signs of Winter as it arrives. We'll invite children to talk about their own experiences and the people they've met, beginning to broaden their view of the world. We will anticipate Christmas, and discuss some of its meaning and rituals. We will also introduce new words and interesting objects.

At home: Talk about your memories of getting ready for Christmas. Notice the weather. Notice when it gets dark and look for the moon.

Expressive Arts and Design



This half term we will begin to look at different ways of making marks in the Creative Area, which the children can then use independently in their own creations.

We will look at the work of artists, and link this to our Maths learning about shapes.

We will continue to sing songs, make and respond to music from a variety of genres, including Christmas music. At home: Share your creations on Tapestry

R.E

This half term, we will talk about the Christian festival of Christmas, and the birth of a very special baby. Our RE learning will be blocked into a two-day unit nearer the end of the half term.

