



COME OUTSIDE

Welcome Back!

I hope you've all had a wonderful half term break. We are ready and raring to get stuck into our new topic for this half term, which is called '**Come Outside**' with a focus on growing and changing. Please see below for a brief overview of the learning that we will be doing over the next few weeks.

COMMUNICATION AND LANGUAGE

This half term we are going to be working on our ability to listen and attend in a range of situations. Through our topic, we are going to be practicing our questioning skills in order to help us to find out more information. We will be using 'how', 'what', 'where', 'when', 'why' and 'who', question words to help us to construct our own questions.

Within our own activities, we are going to be practising our ability to listen and respond to the ideas of our friends. We will use 'Talking Partners' on the carpet to help us to practice this skills.

PERSONAL, SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Our Lifewise sessions for this half term will be focusing on, Using Technology Safely, Playing Safely Outside and exploring the Great Outdoors, and talking about Towns, Cities, Land and Sea. These sessions will happen with Miss Downing on a Monday.

We have also recently signed up to a new Wellbeing programme called Cherish, which we will be using daily as the children arrive at school. This involves a seven minute video encouraging on building a positive mindset, and self belief, through story telling and visualisation. The children have really enjoyed these sessions so far and we are really looking forward to continuing them this term.

In our own activities, we are going to be working on our ability to look after our classroom, the resources and also learning to have respect for things that our friends have done. We will be encouraging the children to plan what they want to achieve, and begin to be reflective about what they have done along the way.

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

This half term, we will be continuing to support the development of gross and fine motor skills both inside and outside the classroom. We will also continue our Rainbow Challenges on a Friday, as an opportunity to really focus on our fine motor development.

Within our PE session with Miss Downing, we will be working on our dynamic and static balancing skills.

We will also be carrying out weekly yoga on a Friday with Mrs Burlton.

In addition to all of this, we will also be having a focus on keeping healthy and talking about the importance of exercise and good hygiene as part of our overarching topic.

LITERACY

This half term we will be continuing on our drawing club journey, using story books, traditional tales and animations to unlock the magic of drawing, writing and vocabulary.

We will be exploring a range of stories and books on a daily basis through all areas of our learning, as well as during our daily story time sessions.

Our streamed daily phonics session will continue at 9:00am each day. **It is really important that all children are punctual in arriving for school each morning to ensure that no-one misses out on any of this vital learning.**

MATHS

This half term we will continue to build on our counting skills through daily practice. We will also be reinforcing and consolidating our skills through daily maths starter sessions.

Our daily maths sessions this half term will begin with a focus on length, height and time, which will fit nicely in with our new topic on growth and change. We will then move on to focus on deepening our knowledge of the numbers 9 and 10. This will include being able to recognise the numerals, identify quantities, subitise and also look at the composition of these numbers.

UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD

This half term's topic will allow us to get outside and explore growth and change as it happens. We will be making observations of the world around us, as Winter turns to Spring. We will be exploring seeds and plants and having the chance to plant and care for our own seeds as they grow.

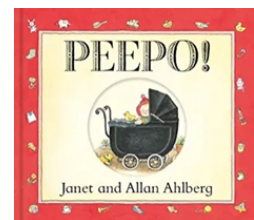
We will also be thinking about the way in which we also grow and change and what makes us all unique and special. We will draw focus on the importance of staying healthy and will also explore the necessity of good dental hygiene.

Towards the end of this half term, we will also be learning about Easter. Through our RE lessons we will learn the Easter story and will be working with Miss Downing to create our own Easter Garden in the classroom.

EXPRESSIVE ARTS AND DESIGN.

Over the course of this half term, we will be carrying out lots of activities to promote and develop our creative skills. Our Artist Study this half term will be Eric Carle and we will also have a brief look at the work of Andy Goldsworthy. We will be creating observational drawings and paintings of flowers. We will be using natural objects, fruit and vegetables to create our own repeating patterns and prints and will be using our developing scissor skills to cut shapes for collaging.

A FEW OF THE BOOKS THAT WILL INSPIRE OUR LEARNING THIS HALF TERM



SOME OF THE VOCABULARY THAT WE WILL LEARN

Outdoors Seed Fit Healthy Spring
Tree Grow Root Hygiene Plant season
Easter Life Cycle Exercise Changes.

OUR RHYMES THIS HALF TERM WILL BE:

Two Little Dickie Birds.

Daffodowndilly

Bunny Hokey Cokey

Hot Cross Buns

Peter Rabbit