

Our learning this half term will focus on settling into school and forming positive relationships.

Characteristics of Effective Learning

Playing & Exploring



We will be encouraging children to “have a go” at a range of new and exciting activities, whilst showing us their particular interests.

Active Learning



We will be encouraging the children to keep on trying, even if something is proving difficult.

Creating and thinking critically



We will be encouraging children to have their own ideas about how to use the open-ended resources in our setting.

Prime Areas of Learning

Personal, Social & Emotional Development



We will be encouraging all the children to build constructive and respectful relationships with each other and with staff.

Physical Development



We will be encouraging children to safely use a range of large equipment outside to develop overall body-strength, balance, co-ordination and agility. We will also provide lots of opportunities to develop small motor skills too.

Communication & Language



We will be learning about how important it is to listen carefully so that we can learn. We will listen to stories and songs & rhymes repeatedly so that we can retell them off by heart, learning & using new vocabulary from these & our experiences.

Specific Areas of Learning

Literacy



We will be reading traditional stories including Goldilocks & The Three Bears & The Three Billy Goats which we will role-play & retell in different ways.

We will quickly begin learning Phase 2 letters & sounds, learning the Phase 2 Tricky words & learning to blend vc & cvc words. We will also begin learning the correct letter formation for each letter, and writing our names correctly too.

Maths



Numbers

We will begin learning a new number each week with related counting, comparing, addition & subtraction activities.

Shape, Space & Measures

We will be learning to identify & name 2D shapes and begin to describe these using everyday language. Children will have opportunities to play with shapes to build, construct & make pictures & patterns.

Understanding the World



We will be encouraging all children to make observations of the world around them and talk about the season of Autumn.

We will talk about ourselves & our families. We will learn how to use the CD Player at our listening station so we can listen to stories & we will begin to use the class PCs to interact with software.

Expressive Arts & Design



We will be encouraging the use of a variety of media & tools to create artistic effects in order to express the children's own feelings, thoughts & interests. We will sing every day, learning songs & rhymes with actions & movements & children can explore a range of instruments to make sounds & music. We will encourage children to develop storylines in their pretend play.