

Literacy

We will be exploring several engaging texts this half term including 'Whatever Next' by Jill Murphy, 'The Smeeds and the Smoos' by Julia Donaldson and 'Here we are' by Oliver Jeffers. We will be encouraging the children to share their thoughts and opinions about the books and make links with their real life experiences. We will encourage children to write with a purpose by sending postcards from our imaginary trip to the moon just like baby bear's journey in 'Whatever Next'.

The World

This half term the children will be learning about Earth and our solar system. We will learn about our environment; how we can help to take care of it and why this is important. We will learn about how people live around the world and celebrate differences and similarities as we learn about Chinese New Year in February.

Expressive Arts and Design



We have lots of exciting space themed craft activities planned to support children to explore colour, texture and materials in a range of different ways.

Using our focus texts as a stimulus, we will support the children to develop more complex stories through role play and when using small world resources.



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Building skills and values for life



We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and a restful break over the holidays.

Our topic this half term is "Earth and beyond". We will be learning about space and exploring our own planet, Earth, thinking about how we can look after the environment and celebrate differences and similarities between ourselves and other people.

This term we are excited to welcome our new friends and their families to our Rainbow class community. We look forward to getting to know you over the next few weeks.

As always, if you have any questions please do not hesitate in coming to speak to us!

Thank you,
Miss Tomlinson and Mrs Newton

Personal, Social, Emotional Development

This half term, we will be encouraging children to recognise and consider the emotions of themselves and others and think about how regulating our own behaviour can positively impact other people. Our school-wide Jigsaw topic this half term is dreams and goals. We will be talking about our aspirations, how to achieve goals we set ourselves and understanding the emotions that go with this.

Communication & Language

This half term will be continue to learn rhymes from Poetry Basket each week and share these with you at home.

Children will continue to develop their listening and attention skills to enable them to listen to longer stories, follow instructions and learn new vocabulary not linked to their real life experiences.

Physical Development

We have daily outdoor sessions where we encourage children to explore moving in a range of ways such as running and climbing. We have PE equipment such as bats, balls and skittles for children to use and develop games as a group. We also have dough disco, dance or yoga sessions each morning.

Through planned weekly fine motor activities, we will support children to develop the strength in their hands and fingers to begin to hold their pen/pencil correctly to help them write the letters in their names.

Maths

This half term we will be supporting children to recognise that they must say one number for each object they are counting and that the last number they say is the total amount (cardinal principle). Children will explore representing numbers in different ways such as using their fingers, symbols and making marks on paper.

We will also be learning to recognise and continue a simple AB pattern and begin to create their own.

