

A note from the Reception Team...

The children are settling back in after the Christmas break and we are pleased to see that they are remembering lots of their learning from the Autumn Term. The children have made good progress in their Personal, Social and Emotional Development and in Communication and Language which were our focus areas for the Autumn Term. This term we are looking forward to introducing some very interesting and exciting learning themes that will engage the children, enabling them to deepen their knowledge and understanding of the world around us!

Learning Theme- 'All around the world'

Throughout this half term children will gain a deeper understanding of the planet in which we live on- Earth. They will build on their knowledge of the place where they live (Wigan) and develop an appreciation of the size of our planet by exploring the different countries and continents. To link with the time of year (Winter) they will first learn about the polar regions. After this, other places in the world we be explored including Australia, Africa and India. Children will be looking at the similarities and differences between life in this country and life in other countries. Children will learn about the differences in languages spoken around the world and will experience tasting foods from different countries around the world.

High quality texts will be the driver for this learning including both fiction: 'Here comes Jack Frost' 'Stickman' 'Welcome to the Arctic' 'One World Together' 'Look inside Space' and 'One giant leap'

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will explore the themes of health and hygiene.

Will learn about the importance of:
-personal hygiene
-eating a range of healthy foods
-regular physical exercise (including how to keep safe as a pedestrian)
-a good sleep routine

Communication and Language

We will listen to and talk about selected fiction and non-fiction books to develop a deep familiarity with new knowledge and vocabulary.

We will articulate ideas and develop the ability to connect one idea or action to another using a range of connectives.

Physical Development

This term in PE we will be focusing gymnastics and dance

We will learn about good posture.

We will explore creating shapes, balances, and jumps and begin to develop rocking and rolling.

Children will copy, create, remember and repeat short sequences.

Literacy

Our focus texts this term will be various fiction and non-fiction books about countries around the world including 'Look inside space' when we move onto sessions on 'beyond Earth'

Phonics

We will be learning Phase 3 sounds. We will be using our phonic knowledge and skills to read simple captions and sentences. We will learn the Letter Names for each sound.

Maths

We will be counting forwards to 20 and back from 10. We will learn all about numbers 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and the composition of these numbers.

We will learn about 3D shapes and identify 3D shapes in the environment.

We will explore and compare measures including mass, capacity, length, height and time

Understanding the world

We will explore the seasonal changes of Winter.

We will begin to recognise that some environments that are different to the one in which we live, looking at similarities and differences between countries around the world. We will learn about the moon and space.

Expressive Arts and Design

We will develop our drawing skills through observational drawing.

We will explore painting using a variety of paints and tools to make different marks and textures.

We will learn how colours can be mixed and how colours change.

We will explore sound using our voices and percussion instruments.

Other curriculum information:

-Amberswood: This term we will visit Amberswood to notice the signs of winter and compare the changes to our Autumn visit.

-Skills Builder: We will be focusing on the skills of 'Listening' and 'Problem Solving' and 'Creativity'

-RE: The two themes we will look at this term is 'Stories Jesus Told' and 'Easter'

We will also look at the celebrations of Chinese New Year and Valentines Day

Other information:

Home Reading - Please make sure you listen to your child read at least three times per week. Reading records will be monitored and reading books and library books **MUST** be returned on **Wednesdays**. New library books will be sent back home on Wednesdays and new reading books are sent home on **Fridays** Please make sure you sign in your child's diary when you have read with them so that their books can be changed.

Water bottles- Please only send only water in your child's water bottle for school.

PE- Please send your child to school wearing their PE kits on Wednesdays