



Foundation Curriculum Overview Spring Term 1

This half term's theme is: Arctic/Antarctic Adventure/Under the Sea

Literacy

Children will enjoy sharing books daily and be encouraged to join in with repetitive phrases. They will continue to develop their understanding of stories by talking about events and characters in books. They will answer questions such as: What was the problem? How was it solved? How did the character feel?

They will use their phonic knowledge to write words in ways which match their spoken sounds and begin to write simple sentences.

Children will explore both fiction and non-fiction books like Lost and found, The Runaway Iceberg, Rainbow Fish and All About Oceans. They will use vocabulary and events from these stories in their play.

Maths

Children will continue to work on recognising numbers and quantities to 10. They will use a tens frame and counters to represent these numbers. Children will continue to develop their ability to subitise numbers within 10. They will compare groups of objects where the objects differ in size. They will learn to combine two groups of objects to find the total using the part-whole model to support them. They will begin to record this as a simple number sentence.

Children will begin to compare the different length, weight and capacity of different objects and containers.

Phonics – Pupils will continue to follow the Read Write Inc scheme for phonics and will practise reading independently within all daily phonics lessons. They will be grouped according to their stage on the programme and will learn to read, write and spell words that contain the focus sounds. Pupils will also continue to build upon their knowledge of everyday 'red words' which cannot be decoded as they do not follow a specific phonic pattern.

Personal, Social, Emotional Development

The children will continue to consider the feelings of others and will be encouraged to think about what they could do to comfort their friends when they are upset. They will continue to build their resilience to enable them to show perseverance when faced with challenges.

The children will think about how to keep themselves healthy and will identify and name healthy foods.

Expressive Arts and Design

The children will learn to listen and respond to different styles of music. They will continue to learn nursery rhymes and action songs that they will perform as a group. The children will develop their ability to use different artistic effects and will create an 'Under the Sea' themed picture in the style of Alma Woodsey Thomas. They will also use recyclable objects to create arctic and sea animals.

Physical Development

The children will continue to develop and strengthen their fine motor skills so that they can use a range of tools with confidence. They will use a tripod grip to form taught letters accurately and efficiently. Children will learn to move and make shapes in high and low ways, combining their movements with ease and fluency.

They will learn to explore these movements safely using a range of large and small apparatus.

Understanding the World

The children will learn to recognise some similarities and differences between life in this country and life in other countries.

They will begin to explore the natural world around them. They will learn to describe what they see, hear and feel whilst outside. Children will learn and talk about David Attenborough and his role in society.

Communication and Language

Children will practise the skills of learning to wait to share their ideas. They will be encouraged to articulate their thoughts and ideas in well-formed sentences, connecting one idea to another using a range of connectives. They will hold conversations with peers and adults, using key vocabulary, throughout the day. Children will listen to a range of stories, songs and rhymes and will make comments about what they have heard.

Assemblies

Children will learn about the value of **honesty** this half term through our assemblies. They will also learn about the significance of The Chinese New Year and National Storytelling Week. Class 5A and 4B will be performing their class assemblies to parents during this half term.