

Communication and Language

Over the Spring term, children will be developing their communication and language skills through activities based on the theme of environments, using the books *Here We Are*, *One Day on Our Blue Planet*, and *What a Waste*. Through sharing these stories, group discussions, and adult-led activities, children will be encouraged to listen carefully and concentrate for longer periods, especially during activities they enjoy. They will practise *active listening* by responding to questions, following instructions, and talking about what they have heard in the stories. Children will also be supported to use language to share their own thoughts, feelings, and experiences about the world around them, such as the places they have visited, the animals they have seen, or ways to care for the environment, helping to build confidence in speaking and expressing themselves.

Literacy

Over the Spring term children will be learning about the environment and how to look after our world through stories, play, and creative activities. We will be sharing the books *Here We Are*, *One Day on Our Blue Planet*, and *What a Waste* to help children listen carefully, talk about what happens in stories, and remember key characters and events.

Children will learn how books work by recognising the front cover, title, and other parts of a book, and they will practise retelling stories in the correct order.

They will also enjoy drawing and mark-making activities, where they will experiment with shapes, lines, and pictures and begin to give meaning to their drawings. Through activities linked to caring for the environment, children will start to notice and understand familiar signs and symbols, such as recycling signs, helping them see that pictures and marks have meaning.

PSHRE

Throughout this half term, we will be supporting the children to develop their social skills and confidence in group situations. They will have many opportunities to notice and respond to others, practising starting interactions and working alongside peers. Children will be encouraged to understand different points of view and think about their own actions, as well as be curious about others and adapt their behaviour in different social situations, such as following examples from friends during play. These experiences will help them feel satisfaction from cooperating and learning with others.

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Theme – Environments

Maths

We will continue to develop our understanding of number through activities that help children recognise 1:1 correspondence, compare quantities, and identify when groups have the same number of objects. Children will also begin to explore patterns, noticing them in the environment, and will start learning about place value within 20 as well as simple addition and subtraction to build a strong foundation in early maths skills.

Topic - Environments

Physical Development

Throughout this half term, children will be developing their physical skills through a range of fun activities that help them move with control and confidence. They will practise balancing on one foot in a squat and shifting their weight to improve stability, as well as jumping over objects with both feet together and landing safely. Children will also work on hopping on one leg with control, learning to move steadily without wobbling. These activities will help strengthen their muscles, improve coordination, and build confidence in their movements.

Knowledge of The World

Throughout this unit, children will take part in activities about Earth, life, and our environment. They will look closely at animals, plants, and vehicles, noticing details and asking questions about them. Children will also plant seeds and care for growing plants, learning what living things need to stay healthy. They will explore ways to look after our environment and the animals and plants in it, such as taking care of plants or recycling. These activities will help children be curious, make observations, and understand how they can care for the world around them.

Expressive arts

This half term, children will explore Expressive Arts through a variety of creative activities linked to special events and celebrations. They will make artwork and crafts for Martin Luther King Jr. Day to reflect kindness and friendship, explore Scottish music, songs, and crafts for Burns Night. For Chinese New Year, children will create colourful decorations and dragons.