

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will:

- Encourage the children to develop concentration skills
- Support social skills and a readiness to help each other
- Learn about keeping safe
- Continue to support children in developing independent and self-help skills

Physical Development

We will:

- Provide opportunities to develop their fine motor skills through 'Finger Gym' and 'Dough Disco' activities
- Practise using pencils and other tools correctly, including using scissors appropriately
- Encourage independence putting on and taking off coats and jumpers
- Encourage development of gross motor skills such as throwing and catching balls, balancing and moving in different ways
- Continue our Squiggle Whist you Wiggle movement program to develop our fine and gross motor skills

Expressive Art and Design

We will:

- Develop imaginative play through role-play
- Spend time listening to different types and moods of music
- Use a range of media and materials to create artwork
- Continue to develop our drawing skills and focus on adding detail

Literacy

This half term we will be focusing on traditional tales. We will read the stories 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' and 'Cinderella' and talk about the different characters in each story. We will begin to talk about what happens in stories, thinking about the beginning, middle and end. We will encourage the children to retell stories and make up their own.

We will:

- Continue using the Little Wandle phonics scheme phase1
- Encourage children to make marks and give meaning to them
- Support children recognising and writing some of the letters in their name and familiar words

We encourage you to share stories regularly with your children at home to help develop their imagination and storytelling skills.

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Communication and Language

We will:

- Encourage the children to recall and retell stories using a range of games, props and role play
- Expose the children to a wide range of new vocabulary words through different types of texts

Understanding the World

We will:

- Look closely at the changes in the environment during Winter
- Talk about where we live and other countries in the world
- Find out about Chinese New Year celebrations
- Look at photos of real castles around the world

Maths

We will:

- Continue to explore the numbers 0-3 using Numberblocks
- Begin to subitise amounts to count
- Problem solve with number 0-3 including simple addition and subtraction
- Continue to use the language of size, shape, and time linked to our topic

Useful Websites and Links:

[Here](#) is a great video to practise subitising to 5

Have a look [here](#) for lots of fun games and activities linked to the early year's curriculum.

Have a look at some fun phonics activities [here](#)

[Dough Disco](#)

You can listen to lots of different traditional tales [here](#)