

Windmills: Curriculum Information Letter



TEACHER: Miss Suckling

LSA: Mrs Rees, Mrs Young,

Book changing days – Monday, Wednesday and Friday ONLY (Unless absent)

PE: Monday and Friday (full PE kit is needed)

Roaming/Cooking/Library Day: Wednesday

Home Work: daily reading with an adult at home, phonics books, CVC word cards

Winter Curriculum

Topics: Once Upon a time, Dinosaurs, Growing and Easter, as well as other topics decided by the children's interests. These topics will also be supplemented by topics the children choose themselves.

Literacy	The children are working within Phase 2 and Phase 3 of the Letters and Sounds programme daily - please see attached sheet. Within these sessions, the children will be practicing the letter formation for each of these sounds. We are also focusing on the sequencing of stories and their format. Some of the key texts we will be looking at are; Three Little Bears, The Gruffalo, If the Dinosaurs came back and Harry and the Bucketful of Dinosaurs.
Maths	We are focusing upon number recognition and formation, matching the right numeral to the correct quantity. Within this term, we will also revisit 2d and start to look at 3d shapes in the environment and their properties including corners and faces. We will also be looking at time and how the children relate time for example; midday is lunch time, evening is bed time.
Personal, Social and Emotional	We will be having discussions on how to be a good friend and how we treat our friends. We will also be looking at different characters and how they are feeling during different parts of the story. Children will be encouraged to take on challenges in teams to enhance their team work skills. We will also be discussing what we are good at and what we would like to get better at.
Understanding of the World	The children will be using a range of technology such as the computers and the beebots. We will also be reading folk tales from around the world such as The Princess Mouse and Rainbow Bird. We will also look at the similarities and differences between the dinosaurs and animals that roam our world now. We will also be looking at Chinese New Year.
Communication and Language	We will continue how circle time to allow the children to discuss a topic such as 'Our Christmas Holidays' 'What's healthy and what is not healthy.' We will also begin speaking and listening activities within our literacy and topic lessons. Communicating in challenges both self-initiated and teacher led.
Physical Development	All children will take part in PE sessions both with me and James. We will also be looking at the importance of hygiene, healthy eating, sleep and exercise and how this might affect our bodies. Everyday there are opportunities for the children to use their fine and gross motor skills through activities with playdough, large drawing on the playground, threading and cotton bud painting.
Expressive Arts and Design	The children will be exploring the different sounds a range of instruments make and how they can be used to support a narrative for example creating sound effects for the Three Little Pigs. We will be exploring different textures and techniques they can use within their art work for example we will look at a range of work from Giuseppe Arcimboldo who used flowers, leaves, fruit and vegetables to create portraits.

Phase 2 Sounds

s	n	c	r	
a	m	k	h	l
t	d	ck	b	ll
p	o	e	f	ss
i	g	u	ff	

Phase 3 Sounds

j	z	th	oa	ow
v	zz	ng	oo	ear
w	qu	ai	ar	air
x	ch	ee	or	ure
y	sh	igh	ur	er