



St. Andrew's CofE Primary Academy Curriculum Map

Term: Autumn 2

Class: Hedgehogs - Reception

Teachers: Mrs Gilfillan & Mr Band



Physical Development:

This term the children have PE on a Monday and Wednesday. They continue learning the fundamentals of PE and, on Wednesdays, Mrs Gilfillan will teach the children PE to further improve their gross motor skills. They shall also have an opportunity to practise on the trikes and bikes on Friday each week.

In the outdoor classroom there are many opportunities for gross motor skills, such as building and moving the construction equipment, scooping, pouring and playing throwing and catching games.

Personal, Social & Emotional Development:

This term the key texts have been carefully selected to enhance the children's opportunities to be aware of others and to understand when and why people have celebrations.

The areas set up in the learning environment link to the theme of celebration. The role play area this term will be a home. The children can role play celebrating different events in the changing scenes. They can practise writing invitations for special occasions.

Communication & Language:

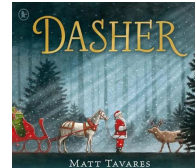
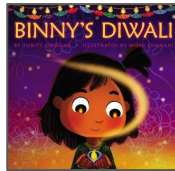
Last term the children learned new rhymes and songs. We shall continue practising these and learn several more before we start to practise for the nativity! During this time the children will be learning and copying many songs and dances.

Every day the children are read 2 to 3 stories as a class and often many in small groups and individually as well. The children are expected to listen well to the story and be able to retell important parts. We discuss how characters may have felt and pause at times to think about what might happen next!

Key Texts:

- The Quiet Little Firework
- Binny's Diwali
- The Scarecrows' Wedding
- Happy Birthday Winnie
- Mince Spies
- Dasher
- The Polar Express
- The Nativity Story

Let's Celebrate!



Literacy Development:

The children have now learnt their first 16 letter sounds - many know lots more than this!

This term all children will learn the first 25 single letter sounds and be able to blend these to make words.

We shall then practise this skill in their writing. They learn to use 'Fred Fingers' to 'Fred Talk' a word and then write it. We shall write about our favourite books, such as 'Happy Birthday Winnie' where the children will create a storyboard of the events.

Please continue to read with your child at home, practising the speed sounds cards. They will also be given ditty and blending books this half-term.

Mathematics:

This term the children shall develop a strong understanding of numbers to 5 and then to 10. The first 2 weeks are dedicated to practising subitising - recognising amounts up to 5 without having to count them. This is useful for the rest of the maths in the year. They will also learn to quickly make these amounts on their fingers - again a skill that is very helpful for other areas later on.

We shall use a number of maths related songs, such as: 5 Little Men in a Flying Saucer, 5 Currant Buns, Once I Caught a Fish Alive, etc.

Understanding the World:

This term the children shall learn about which events people in our country and around the world celebrate. We shall practise role playing these celebrations and invite members of the church to show us what celebrations might look like.

The children learn that certain places hold special meaning for communities and that people can have different beliefs. They explore a variety of celebrations, including weddings, birthdays, Diwali, and Thanksgiving. The class also learn the Nativity story and bring it to life by performing a production together with Squirrels class.

Expressive Arts & Design:

This term the children will refine their modelling skills in the junk modelling provision and learn how to use chalk, oil pastels, paints and printing to create artistic effects.

The children explore a variety of new songs and perform them as part of the Nativity production. They will practise copying simple rhythmic patterns, sculpt using playdough and enjoy a wide range of Christmas craft activities.