

Literacy

In Reception we begin the exciting journey of securing the skills we need to read and write. We will begin the Read, Write Inc phonics programme this term to learn all of our initial sounds. We will also spend a lot of time this term learning rhymes, songs, poems and jingles. We will be listening to a range of everyday life stories from the Peppa Pig Collection (such as The Dentist and The School Trip) as well as a selection of fiction and non-fiction books relating to our 'Homes' topic.

In our writing area we will be looking at our letter formation and learning to write our own names.

Physical Development

In PE we enjoy having Steve, our SAFC coach to help us with skills of finding space and controlling a football. It is tricky to practice being independent in Reception as we learn to dress and undress ourselves. We will spend plenty of time in our fantastic outdoor area this year and are looking forward to using a range of resources such as our set of large outdoor wooden blocks to build structures and develop our co-ordination and balancing skills. We will be digging and stirring mud potions in our giant cauldrons in the mud

Mathematics

We are going to make a great start to our maths learning in school by practising our counting. We will learn to read and write numbers focusing on our number formation this term. We will be using number rhymes to help us with our number recognition and formation. We will also be learning vocabulary related to time, discussing our daily routines and singing our days of the week song.



Expressive Arts and Design

This term we will be looking at ourselves closely using mirrors to create self-portraits as well as drawing family portraits. We will also have the opportunity to see a theatre production of Do Not Enter the Monster Zoo by Amy Sparkes at the Jubilee Hall and take part in a music workshop. We will then create our own monsters using a range of media. Later in the term we will be busy rehearsing for our EYFS nativity performance with Nursery. You will not fail to be impressed!

Understanding the World

This first half term we will be learning about the festival of harvest. We are working on songs for a harvest festival assembly and will be working with our special friends to do this. We will also be delivering parcels to our local community.

As part of our 'Homes' topic we will be talking about who we are and where we come from. We will be learning about the different types of homes in West Rainton and around the world.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This first term focuses on getting to know all of the friends we are coming to school with every day. We are forming relationships that will stay with us through primary school and beyond. We also love working with our Year 6 special friends.

We will practise a lot of self-help skills this term as we learn to be more independent. It is also important that we manage our own feelings and think about how our actions can hurt others.