




This half-term, our topic is:
'What Makes Me Special?'




Curriculum Area	Areas to be taught in school	Possible activities to be done at home
Communication & Language	The children will learn & develop speaking & listening skills. They will learn to listen attentively to a story & to answer questions about that story. They will learn to look at the person who is speaking & to wait their turn to speak. The children will develop the skill of speaking in full sentences.	Talk to your child about their school day. Remind your child to look at you when they are speaking. Read stories to your child & ask them questions about the story, such as: Who are the characters? How is the character feeling? What do you think might happen next?
Personal, Social & Emotional Development	The children will learn to form friendships & to share resources. They will be developing their confidence in speaking in front of a familiar group. They will learn to follow rules & routines & to ask an adult for help when needed.	Play a turn-taking game to develop your child's skills of sharing & taking turns. 
Physical Development	In PE, the children will be practising their listening skills & will explore walking using different body parts, in different directions & at different speeds. The children will also explore different movements using different parts of the body.	Encourage your child to practise moving in different ways, such as on tiptoe, crawling, rolling, jumping, hopping, skipping & marching. PE day: Thursday.
Literacy	We will be reading a range of books related to our topic including; Elmer, Hair Love, The Gingerbread Man, The Three Little Pigs, Leaf Man & non-fiction books about the body. The children will learn how to write their names & to recognise some sounds in phonics.	Give your child opportunities to recognise & practise writing their name. Also, engage them in finger strengthening exercises such as: Playdoh activities, squeezing shampoo out of bottles, opening tops on bottles & turning keys in locks.
Mathematics	The children will learn to count & recognise numbers to 3. They will learn how to find 1 more & 1 less than numbers to 3 & to recognise that there are up to 3 objects in a group, without counting them. They will compare similarities & differences in amounts. The children will look at 3D shapes & describe them. We also compare these shapes to real life objects.	Help your child to practise counting objects around your home & to recognise the numbers to 3. Talk about shapes that you can see in the environment.

Year Group: Reception	Class Teachers: Mrs Hodgson & Miss Dunn	Term: Autumn 1, 2023
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<p>Understanding the World</p>	<p>The children will discuss similarities & differences between people. They will learn about how they have grown & identify changes since they were a baby. They will describe their home & what they can see in the local environment. The children will learn about autumn & will go on a hunt around school to look for signs of autumn.</p>	<p>Go on an autumn walk to look for signs of autumn. Discuss what you can see while in the local area. Share family photographs of your child, their parents/carers & grandparents.</p> 
<p>Expressive Arts & Design</p>	<p>The children will be introduced to the work of Vincent van Gogh & look at his self-portrait. This will lead to the children drawing their own self-portraits. They will learn how to use scissors correctly & will be using a variety of resources to create their own artwork & models. The children will also be using their imagination to tell stories. They will learn to re-tell the stories: The Gingerbread Man & The Three Little Pigs.</p>	<p>Give your child opportunities to: Bake their own Gingerbread Man, following a simple recipe; Make a model of a house; Make their own character out of leaves, as in the story, 'Leaf Man.'</p> 