

Grange View C.E



First School

Spring 1 2020

Welcome to this half terms Topic
Information letter for Oak &
Acorn Classes

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Winter



Communication & Language

We will be reading lots of stories related to the topic, encouraging the children to tell us their favourites and join in with parts of stories. The Role Play Area is going to be an igloo and we will be talking about how we keep warm in winter.

We will be encouraging the children to develop their vocabulary by using language from favourite stories that we have shared in our story times and to act out these stories in the role play and other areas of the Unit.

Additionally, we will be providing the children with opportunities to contribute to conversations and discussions and encourage them to listen to others.

We will also be taking our role play of favourite stories into the outdoors and hopefully the wildlife area.

Physical Development

We will be learning about cold weather, the seasons and their effect on us and the animals around us.

The children will be accessing snack as a social activity during the course of the morning. We will be encouraging them to try a variety of fruit and vegetables and encouraging them to talk about their likes/dislikes. The children will also be building towers with blocks of different sizes, trying hard to balance precisely.

In P.E. lessons they will continue to do lots of yoga through their favorite stories. We will be having Little Movers,

The children will as always, have access to the outdoors.

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

This half term, we want to continue helping the children to develop strong relationships with both the adults and their peers so they feel confident in their environment. The adults will be working alongside the children to model how to play in areas appropriately and help develop their social skills and conversations.

Linked to our topic work, we will develop the children's use of the role-play area, thinking about the weather and it's affects on us.



Literacy

The children will have the opportunity to listen to lots of stories and non fictions texts and we will encourage them to talk about their favourites. We will be working towards the children developing their concentration and attention when stories are being read to them. Within the unit, their will be lots of writing opportunities and the children will be encouraged to make marks and give meanings to marks which they draw and paint. Oak children will continue with their reading books.

Numeracy

The adults will be working alongside the children developing their counting, number recognition and skill in working with numbers. We will also be encouraging the children to name and use shapes, make patterns and arrangements with objects.

We will be playing games and completing activities where the children are using positional language such as behind, in front of, under etc.



Understanding of the World

We will be learning about cold weather, the seasons and their effect on us and the animals around us

The children will be extending their knowledge of people and communities through using the role play, small world and construction toys.

We will be looking at animals from the Antarctic and The Arctic as well as looking at animals that hibernate.

We will explore the festivals of Chinese New Year, Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday, learning about other cultures as well as our own.

Expressive Arts and Design

In our topic work we will be singing songs, playing instruments and encouraging the children to move to music. We will encourage the children to develop their imagination through stories and use their ideas to paint and build models. We will explore winter patterns and colours.



Helping at Home

Enjoy reading all kinds of books with your child .Talk about what is happening in the story and look at the pictures. Talk about the characters in the story and what type of people they are, how do they feel, are they happy or sad.

Sing Nursery Rhymes with your child - in the car, in the bath, walking to school etc. Try to sing a wide variety so the children have a good repertoire. Sing number rhymes like '5 Little Ducks...' and practise counting objects and recognising numbers when you are out and about - look for numbers on doors etc.

To enable your child to come to school feeling happy and ready to learn, encourage them to be as independent as possible and also have a good bedtime routine.

Thanks for your help and support.

Home Time

If you need to change the usual arrangements for picking up your child from school, please let school know as soon as possible. As you will understand we cannot allow children to leave the school premises unless we have permission from parents or carers.

Reminders

Please remember your £5 contribution is gratefully received and it helps us to top up consumables as well as save for bigger equipment like jigsaws and construction equipment.

PE for Oak class is on a Thursday. Please remember to send your child into school in their PE clothes. Acorns PE session is on a Wednesday but will just be taking off their socks and shoes.

Please ensure your child has some wellies in school to access the outdoor area in all weather.