











Lower Phase - Autumn Term, 2023

Parent Overview

 Communication (tracking and motor skills)	This term pupils are exploring sensory texts <i>The Gruffalo</i> & <i>The Gruffalo's Child</i> . They will be exploring the characters in the story and the adventures they have. Pupils will develop their fine motor and pre-writing skills linked to the stories we read. Pupils will also be engaging in interesting and fun activities designed to develop their tracking skills.
 Functional Skills	In functional skills pupils will be investigating all things number, through rhymes, songs and engaging practical activities. Pupils will develop their understanding of the sequence of number and explore objects of interest related to number. Pupils will also be exploring, investigating and recognising 2D shapes around school and finding them in the world around us.
 Let's Investigate	This term pupils are exploring what makes the best pie. We explore different ingredients and mix them together to create different types of pies. We will show our response to different pies using our communication aids.
 Our World/Horticulture	This term pupils are looking at plants and seeds we can find in the school garden. We will spend time looking in the school garden at different plants and explore seeds we will plant in the garden. During our Horticulture sessions we will be working towards the Royal Horticulture Society School Garden Award Level 1.
 Creative Art	In Art this term we are looking at creating a collage. Pupils will be exploring texture, colour and different natural objects we can use to create a collage. This also provides opportunity to explore and use our senses such as smell and touch.
 Food	In food this term pupils will be following routines of washing their hands before beginning to role play different activities you do in the kitchen. Pupils will experience the sounds and smells of the kitchen as well as developing their independence skills.
 PSHE	In PSHE this term pupils will be exploring structured play. Initially pupils are looking at sharing activities with their peers and exploring different games. Then they

PSHE	will develop their play skills through inclusion activities and role play areas.
 Music	This term we are exploring Toyshop music. Pupils will be listening to music linked to different toys, responding through exploration of different fast and slow speeds using a variety of instruments. They will also explore different types of movements and breathing exercises.
 Physical Education	This term pupils will be looking at routines and following some independence skills. Pupils will be getting changed ready for PE and then following pictures or instructions to complete a sequence of activities. Pupils will also work towards their personalised physio programmes as well as exploring the outdoor equipment. Pupils will have access to trikes and scooters during the school day. Alongside our Physical Education lessons there will also be sessions for Rebound and Aquatic learning.
 Computing	This term pupils will be developing individual computing skills. Pupils will be using a one click mouse or chunky keyboard with a laptop, access devices to activate favoured items and creating simple cause and effects using the plasma screens. Pupils will also access the sensory suite and use the interactive equipment in there.