

5LS

Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn Term 2020



Our Values...

Welcoming Teamwork
Friendship Trust
Independence Fun!

Topic:

All About Me

This term, our school focus is on the 'Recovery Curriculum', as we welcome our children back to school and help them to settle in to their familiar routines and learning.

We will focus on pupils' wellbeing through creative activities in class groups, which will be all about learning whilst also having fun!

EHCP Targets

All of our pupils will continue to be working towards the targets in their EHC Plans.

The activities we do in class will all focus on different aspects of these targets, which include:

Communication and Interaction

Cognition and Learning

Sensory and Physical Skills

Social, Emotional and Mental Health needs

How is my child's progress being recorded?

Each pupil works towards their individual targets, which are assessed on a weekly basis and recorded using the SOLAR framework, which includes video and photographic evidence. Their overall progress is measured using the 'P-Scales' assessment framework.

Stories and Phonics

We will be enjoying stories that consider likes and dislikes and celebrate our differences, such as "We are all different" and "Green Eggs and Ham". We will also read fun texts such as "Parrot Tico Tango" and the "Large Family" series, to encourage our enjoyment of stories as well as our social interaction.

We will help pupils to refresh their mark-making and listening skills through a range of sensory games and activities with a view to beginning tailored Phonics sessions as the term progresses.

Recovery Mathematics

Pupils will revisit their counting skills and recognition of numbers by reintroducing a different number each week. This will be explored through games, sensory and mark-making activities and songs. We will sing counting songs regularly to develop skills in counting in sequence.

We will continue to develop understanding of shape and space by exploring jigsaw puzzles, mark-making using shapes and posting and shape sorting activities.

Movement Skills

Pupils will be improving their range of movements through PE sessions. They will take part in a range of activities to develop their coordination, such as skittles and balls games. They will work on their strength and stamina by carrying out various actions through games such as 'Simon Says' and 'Follow my Leader', and through songs such as 'Wake up, Shake up' and 'Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes'.

We will participate in ring games to encourage group work, such as "The Farmer's in his Den".

We will continue to work on pupils' physical EHCP targets.

Outdoor Learning

We will be learning about our senses and using them to explore the sensory garden.

In Forest School we will focus on things we can hear outside by listening to different bird sounds. We will consider textures we can feel and different plants we can smell. We will focus on how many different things we can see in one area to encourage observation skills.

Song time

The pupils will begin and end each day with a welcome and goodbye song.

We will explore music through a range of songs, using our lucky dip song sack. Children will consider different ways music can be enjoyed by making choices, such as whether the class uses instruments or their voices, and whether to use backing tracks.

They will consider different ways they can use their bodies to make rhythm and keep time as well as to express themselves when listening to music.

Computing

We will revisit the names of different parts of computer equipment and what they are for.

Pupils will develop their ICT skills by using touch screen computers, a mouse and switches to select items and make choices by using fun programmes.

Pupils will use computers to develop their skills in other areas, such as colour recognition, counting and drawing.

Humanities

We will be considering our school environment by talking about where our school is. We will look at other familiar places using Google Maps.

We will observe the weather each day and discuss how it changes through each season.

We will consider different cultures through stories and role play and will celebrate Harvest Festival through songs and craft activities.

Relaxation/Wellbeing

Pupils will be encouraged to talk about how they are feeling through use of symbols during 'hello' each morning.

Pupils will participate in 'TacPac' sessions each week, in which they can enjoy interaction and the rhythm of music in a calm environment.

We will have a free play session and a sensory messy play activity each week for children to explore learning in their own way.

We will enjoy time at the end of each day to enjoy reflection by reading a story or choosing music to listen to.