

2LS

Curriculum Newsletter



Summer Term 2019

The teaching of **Maths** is the **whole school focus** for this year. Lesson observations took place during the autumn term with the focus on how numeracy is taught across the curriculum. Teachers shared good practice.

Science will also be a focus during this Summer term of 2019.

Topics:

This term in 2LS our topics will be Animals, Clothes and Summer.

The children will be working from the Early Years Foundation Stage and this will be assessed using the Developmental Stages.

Each child will also have their own personalised 'Individual Education Plan' which includes their own personalised targets.

Communication and Language

During our Communication and Language sessions, we will be continuing to develop our listening skills through our daily circle times, meal times, stories and play activities.

2LS will be actively learning by playing and exploring in an environment which offers stimulating resources relevant to pupils' individual needs. They will be encouraged to build relationships with their peers through supported interaction.

Pupils will also have the opportunity to develop their communication, turn taking and choice making skills through the use of speech, switches, signing and symbols.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will be learning to identify different animals and begin to categorise the animals into groups, such as pets, zoo animals, farm animals, etc.

We will enjoy dressing up in a variety of uniforms for our clothes topic and pretending to be different people. For our summer topic, we will learn about travel, as we talk about going on holiday. We will also learn how to stay safe in the sun, while enjoying all the different activities we can do together outside.

Physical Development

The children will continue to partake in a range of physical activities that include swimming, sensory movement, soft play, PE, rebound therapy and hand function.

We will explore different body movements through supported action songs and stories, as well as turn taking games. Some movement sessions will be linked to our topics, i.e. moving like different animals, dancing to music dressed in traditional clothes and using the adventure playground to explore the summer weather.

Pupils will also be working on individual physiotherapy targets.

Literacy

2LS will be enjoying books and songs in a variety of different contexts, using sensory props, ICT and supported role play.

We will be listening to a variety of books which will include 'Dear Zoo', 'Quiet', 'Aliens Love Underpants' and 'Down in the Jungle Where Nobody Goes'.

We will also be enjoying mark making with sensory materials such as cooked foods, sand and paint, as well as exploring our different role play areas relating to our current topics.

Understanding the World

The children will use ICT via switches and communication aids, switch operated toys and switch or touch screen 'cause and effect' computer programs.

Switches will be used in the Multi-Sensory room to control the environment, changing coloured lights, pictures and sound effects.

Pupils will be exploring the outdoor environment during Forest School through sensory activities, including looking for different creatures, watching and listening to the birds, fence weaving with old fabric and a teddy bears picnic!

How can parents and carers support their child's learning?

Parents could support us by regularly sending in photographs and news from home.

We would also like you to send into school some family photographs of past holidays.

With this information we can increase communication and help our pupils to share information with others.

Please label all items of clothing, including swimming towels.

Many thanks for your help.

Numeracy

2LS will be developing their awareness of number names through playing fun counting and sorting games and enjoying number songs and rhymes.

We will also learn about shape through supported sorting and matching games.

We will have fun during sand and water play, experiencing 'full' and 'empty' while exploring different sized containers.

We will also enjoy helping with activities such as weighing and sharing out, when we make biscuits and cakes.

Expressive Arts and Design

2LS will experience sensory art through using a variety of media.

Pupils will be encouraged to experiment with resources and make their own choices.

We will enjoy exploring a wide range of musical instruments and pupils will be encouraged to respond to different musical experiences.

Pupils will also be given opportunities to explore resources which reflect everyday life and relate to our stories, in order to develop play skills and imagination, such as natural resources and different textiles.

How is my child's progress being recorded?

All pupils are working within the scales of the Early Years Foundation Stage.

Their achievements will be noted through observations, work, photographs and an online assessment tool.

All pupils will also have a 'Learning Journey' book, which will follow their progress and special achievements over the year.