

Understanding the World: We are Scientists/ We are Citizens

The children will explore and talk about the differences and similarities between materials. They will practically discover what materials are magnetic and why. Children will also learn that people have different ways of celebrating special times and learn about how these are celebrated.

Literacy: We are Writers

Children will continue to practise writing their name on all of their learning, using their name card to support them. As we continue to learn new sounds in our phonics lessons, children are encouraged to label the first sounds they can hear in what they have drawn. In our daily phonics lessons, children will become increasingly confident to use the letter sounds they know to write short words.

We are Readers

Children should practise their reading skills daily at home – please see the guidance in their reading log. In our phonics lessons, children will use their increasing letter recognition to say sounds and blend these sounds together into words. Children also learn to recognise ‘tricky words’, which are words that they cannot sound out using their phonic knowledge.

Mathematics: We are Mathematicians

Children will continue to develop their fluency and confidence in understanding the numbers 0-5. They will learn to compare these numbers using the language of ‘more than’ and ‘fewer than’. Children will learn that all numbers are made up of parts which join together to make a whole. Using practical resources, they will explore and learn that all numbers are made of parts joined together in different ways. For example, that a whole of 4 can be made of the parts 3 and 1 or 2 and 2.

Personal, Social & Emotional Development: We are self-aware

Children are continuing to grow their Gem Powers and will be introduced to two new gem powers this term. They will learn about using their Amethyst Power to work together in a group and their Grit Power to keep trying when learning something new or tricky. Children will be learning more about how to express their emotions this term and will be using the book ‘The Colour Monster’ to explore the feelings of happiness, sadness and anger.



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Physical development: We are strong movers

The children will continue to develop their gross motor skills by engaging with all of the exciting resources in our EYFS garden. Children will develop their confidence in running, jumping, hopping and skipping through various games with their peers. They will develop their coordination and agility through ball games and dancing opportunities.



The children will develop the fine motor skills needed to confidently hold pens, pencils and paintbrushes. They will have opportunities to become increasingly confident in using scissors to cut.

At lunchtime, children will become increasingly confident in using cutlery independently. They will have opportunities to discuss healthy and unhealthy food choices.

Dates for the diary:

Christmas Nativity Performances: Save the date! More information to follow.

Tuesday 5th December- 9.30-10.30

Wednesday 6th December- 9.30-10.30

School trip to the Pantomime to see Peter Pan- Friday 8th December.

Christmas lunch day for Reception – Wednesday 13th December

Last day of term 2 – Friday 15th December

Communication and Language: We are Speakers and Listeners

Children are continuing to grow their Talking Topaz power by ‘tracking the speaker’ (looking at the person who is talking) during Learning Together Time. We are continuing to encourage children to use full sentences when they speak and give them the beginnings of sentences to help them do this.

The children will also be growing their confidence in talking as we learn and practise the words and songs of our Christmas Nativity Performance. The children will all be speaking and singing together to tell the story of the Nativity and will learn Makaton signs to help them tell the story.



Expressive Art and Design: We are Artists and Musicians

Children will continue to express themselves as artists as they use a variety of techniques to make firework art, puppets and Christmas decorations.

The children will enjoy using the musical instruments in the garden to create music with their friends. They will also be able to use the pom poms, streamers and ribbons to create dances that go with their music.

