


<p>Physical Development –</p> <p>There will be plenty of opportunities to practise both gross and fine motor skills both inside the classrooms and outside in our play area. We have introduced the wheeled vehicles into our outside area and the children are using them really sensibly. These consist of 2 wheeled scooters and small 'cars' which need steering carefully and lots of stamina to keep them moving! The children will continue to build on their catching skills in their sessions with Mr Croucher.</p>	<p>Even though the weather at this time of year can be wet and cold we will still be learning outside. Please make sure your child has a warm and waterproof coat and suitable shoes or boots.</p> <p>On PE days the children need to come to school already dressed in their PE kit.</p> <p>Our PE days are ASH- Thursday Oak -Friday.</p> <p>Please ensure that your child also brings in a named bottle filled with water each day.</p>	<p>Social and Emotional Development –</p> <p>This term we are focusing on using kind words, being respectful of others and learning about our school value, which is HOPE. We are now attending whole school collective worship on a Monday and Thursday via Zoom; on a Tuesday we have one in class and on a Wednesday we join Year 1 and 2 in the hall. We have been setting ourselves a personal goal to try and achieve before the half term holiday. Make sure you ask your child about their 'star challenge'. We will be helping them to work towards these goals during the school day.</p>
<p>Understanding of the World –</p> <p>This term we will be learning about Chinese New Year and how it is celebrated around the world. We will be making dragons and lanterns too.</p> <p>It's also the term in which we have a special focus on using the internet safely. In RE we are learning about special places for Christians so we're really looking forward to visiting our school church in a couple of weeks.</p> <p>As the weather is cold and icy we'll be making ice and exploring its properties.</p>	<p>Thank you for all the great work you're doing with your children at home to support them in their phonics, reading and letter formation.</p> <p>Please make sure your child's BOOK BAG and READING RECORD are in school EVERY day.</p>	<p>Communication and Language/Literacy -</p> <p>This term we are focusing on Traditional Tales and have been creating our own versions of the Gingerbread man in comic strip form. Some of the children are using their sounds to label the characters in their story too. We hope to record some of the children retelling their story to the class. We hope you're enjoying the new reading books with your children at home. We're so proud of the progress they have made with their phonics since September. We are still building independent blending skills for all children.</p>
<p>Expressive Arts and Design –</p> <p>This term we have showed the children how to collage with a wide range of materials to make their own special Gingerbread person. We will be constructing houses for the 3 Little Pigs, making peg doll puppets and decorating our own home baked gingerbread. Our new outside easels are very popular and give the children the chance to paint standing up which helps their gross motor control.</p>		<p>Mathematical Development –</p> <p>This half term we are learning all about the numbers 4,5,6,7,8 and 0. We will also be learning to use the correct mathematical language to compare amounts and how to make pairs. We will also be exploring capacity, length and height. Thank you for making the time to attend our Maths Presentation if you could. The children really enjoyed showing you some of the games we play in school.</p>

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