

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will support children to settle into Oak Class so they feel happy and secure in their new school setting. We will focus on supporting the children to learn our class routines such as sitting on the carpet, listening to stories, lining up, walking around school safely and washing their hands. We will also explore our School Behaviour Expectations of Ready, Safe, Kind. We will play games to help children to build friendships.



Our JIGSAW PSHE theme is Being Me in My World

We will explore how we feel at school and how we can enjoy playing with our new friends.

Our learning will be focussed around the 7 areas of learning in the Early Years Foundation Stage. The children will play and learn through our Continuous Provision (we call this 'Discovery Time') in the classroom, outdoor area and school garden and also through adult lead learning activities.

Please **clearly name all school uniform**, coats, hats and wellies so things don't get lost in school. If things are clearly named, it really helps us to make sure all the children can look after their belongings. Please bring a waterproof **coat** and your **bookbag** to school every day. We provide water bottles and fruit snacks in school so there is no need to send these. Please bring **wellies** to school which can be kept in the cloakroom under your child's peg so they are always available for the children to put on for outside activities and Welly Wednesdays. Please bring in a **PE kit** which will be kept in school on your child's peg and sent home every half term holiday. We will have PE every Thursday with Mr Croucher, our Sports Coach. Please clearly label the PE bag and PE kit.

Phonics and learning to read

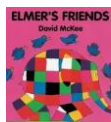
We will start to start letter sounds through our Read Write Inc Phonics Programme. The children will meet Fred the Frog and learn to orally blend sounds such as b a g – bag and c a t – cat. **We will learn a new letter sound every day this half term.** Each sound has a rhyme to help us to remember it. We will share the sounds on **Seesaw** as we learn them so you can support and practise them at home too. Children will bring home a **green sounds book** in bookbags to practise the sounds with you at home. We will then practise blending the sounds we learn with 'Fred Talk'.



We will invite parents/carers to come into school for a **phonics meeting** in the first few weeks so we can share with you how we teach phonics and how you can support your child at home – we will let you know the date of this meeting soon.

Communication and Language

During carpet times, we will join in with rhymes and stories with repeated language. We will be sequencing stories with pictures to tell stories. We will explore mark making activities in lots of fun ways. Our key texts are Elmer, Super Duper You, Elmer and Hairy McClary from Donaldson's Dairy.



In handwriting sessions, we will learn to write the letters learnt in phonics and work on correct letter formation.

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**Our topic this half term is
Marvellous Me!**



Understanding the World

We will have lots of fun exploring the natural world in the school garden and talk about what we see, hear and feel outside. We will talk about who is in our family and listen to stories about different families. We will draw pictures of where we live and share our 'All About Me bags' together. We will explore people who help us, such as dentists, nurses and doctors.

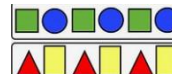


Physical Development

We will develop fine motor skills through funky finger activities such as threading and weaving and through Dough Disco where we have lots of fun with playdoh! We will work on writing our name correctly and practise our pencil grip. We will develop gross motor skills through exploring how to move in different ways, moving through hoops and balancing on stilts. We will talk about looking after our teeth, handwashing and personal hygiene.

Mathematical Development

We will sing number songs and counting rhymes. We will learn to compare, count and order objects and sets. We will focus on the numbers 1,2,3 and have lots of opportunities to look, count and subitise (know how many there are without counting). We will learn about different shapes, sizes in patterns we make.



Expressive Arts and Design

We will draw and paint pictures of ourselves and our families. We will explore colours and create colourful shape patterns. We will explore Autumn leaf and vegetable printing and singing Harvest songs when we learn about Harvest time. We will create Autumn leaf and natural patterns inspired by the Artist, Andrew Goldsworthy.



