Foundation Curriculum Overview Autumn Term 2

This half term's theme is: Kindness

Literacy

Children will listen to a range of books that focus on kindness including The Gecko and the Echo, The Smartest Giant in Town and Handa's Surprise. They will discuss how the characters have shown kindness and answer questions about the stories to demonstrate their understanding. Children will continue to learn how to form letters correctly. They will be encouraged to write the initial sounds by identifying the sound and then forming the letter correctly.

Maths

Children will be exploring different representations of numbers one to five and they will create their own representations of these numbers. They will learn to recognise quantities up to five without counting (subitise). Children will identify, name and describe circles, triangles, squares and rectangles. They will learn to recognise shapes in the environment and shapes within shapes.

Phonics – Pupils will continue to follow the Read Write Inc scheme for phonics and will practise reading independently within all daily phonics lessons. They will be grouped according to their stage on the programme and will learn to read, write and spell words that contain the focus sounds. Pupils will also continue to build upon their knowledge of everyday 'red words' which cannot be decoded as they do not follow a specific phonic pattern.

Personal, Social, Emotional Development

Children will continue to express their own feelings and begin to consider the feelings of others. They will think about the perspectives of others and learn the importance of supporting others by being kind. Children will continue to develop friendships with their peers and they will think about what it means to be a valued person.

Expressive Arts and Design

Children will safely use and explore a variety of tools and techniques to create a simple sliding mechanism. They will learn about Jackson Pollock and use his work as inspiration for making a firework picture. Children will listen to music from other cultures. They will learn the songs for our Nativity.

Physical Development

Children will revise and refine the fundamental skills that they have already acquired including; walking, jumping, running and hopping. They will learn to add emotion to their movements as they move in character. Children will continue to develop their independence by putting on and taking off their coats and jumpers. They will use a tripod grip to hold a pencil whilst forming taught letters correctly.

Understanding the World

Children will learn about Sir David Attenborough and how he shows kindness to animals and our planet and be inspired to do the same. They will recognise that people have different beliefs and celebrate special times in different ways.

Communication and Language

Children will practise the skills of learning to wait to share their ideas. They will learn to describe events in full sentences, connecting their ideas using connectives. Children will use new vocabulary, linked to kindness, in a range of contexts. They will continue to sing nursery rhymes whilst also learning and performing songs for our Nativity.

Assembly Themes

Children will be introduced to our new school values and the focus for this half term will be **kindness**. They will also learn about the significance of Remembrance Day and will be supporting National Anti-bullying week and Children in Need