



Roots, Shoots & Muddy Boots

This curriculum map provides an overview of what your child will be learning across the curriculum this half term. Learning will be linked to our focus topic: Roots, Shoots and Muddy Boots.



Communication and Language underpins everything that we do in Reception.

We will use many non-fiction texts as a basis for encouraging talk and discussions about seasons, plant and tree identification and life cycles. We will be introducing the children to new key vocabulary and offer explanations for why things happen.

We will also be encouraged to extend our sentences when joining in with small group and whole class discussions.

Key skills- Extending our sentences when talking.

Physical Development is important in Reception. We are focusing on improving our letter formation by having daily handwriting sessions as a whole class in our new handwriting books.

Our next PE unit is a games unit. We will be practising running and stopping, throwing and keeping score, roles within a game, following instructions and moving safely in tagging games, and taking turns in team games.

Key skills- Following rules in a game involving PE skills.

Personal, Social and Emotional skills are fundamental within any community or social setting. We will continue to follow the 'Paths' programme to learn about different feelings - recapping all the feelings learnt this year.

We will think about the perspectives of others and how our own actions impact other people.

We will also learn some first aid, road safety, and the NSPCC PANTS rule as part of creative week.

Key skill- keeping safe in different environments.

Literacy

This half term we will continue to read and share a range of high-quality texts with the children. In phonics, we will also be continuing to learn new digraphs and consolidating our existing knowledge of our letter-sounds by applying them through our reading and writing. We will gain more confidence and fluency in recognising our tricky words by sight. During Writing Club, we will be learning to use finger spaces, capital letters and full stops in our sentences.

Key skill- To write a sentence independently that can be read by others.

Maths

We will be learning to manipulate, compose and decompose shapes whilst recapping the names and properties of common 2D and 3D shapes.

We will learn how to share and group objects and numbers. This will also include revisiting odd and even numbers.

We will also be recapping patterns and positional language by learning to draw and create our own maps.

Key skill- Explore part whole models when thinking about the composition of numbers beyond 10.

Understanding of the world

Our topic focusses heavily on this area of learning. We will be making many observations of the natural world and learning some important processes and changes through the seasons. We will be learning about the life cycle of a butterfly this half-term and also all children will have the opportunity to grow their own sunflower and grass heads. We will also teach the children sun safety skills.

Key Skill - Name key features of a plant / tree

Expressive Arts and Design

We will be enjoying a music unit called 'Our Growing World' where we will be learning to sing in echo and use shakers to music.

In Art, we will be learning about the famous artist Vincent Van Gogh and recreate his famous Sunflower painting.

We will also explore the work Explore artwork by great artists including Bauerngarten by Claude Money, Murnau The Garden II by Wassily Kandinsky and Flower Garden by Emile Nolde.

Key Skill- Learning about famous artists and using their work to inspire our own pieces.