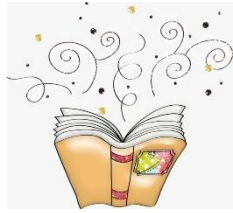




Reception Spring Term

Topics

Spring 1: Once Upon a Time



Spring 2: Marvellous World of Minibeasts!



Children will hear and learn about journeys through different environments including woodland, farms, towns and countries. This will build upon their prior knowledge of their local surrounding and school environment. They will learn about different creatures including minibeasts. This will lead into future learning in key stage 1 when children will develop further knowledge of animals by exploring where they can be found and how they are suited to their habitat.

Children will build upon previous knowledge of religions and cultures by learning about different festivals that occur during this time of the year, including Chinese New Year and Easter. This supports the children's progression into key stage 1 where they encounter an RE unit focussed on why and how people celebrate.

Within focus PD lessons, children will be exploring a sense of space and using different equipment. They will learn and show awareness of space, of themselves and others by moving in different ways and using all the hall/ large space. This will build upon their prior knowledge from the autumn term where they explored different ways to move on the spot. Knowledge of movement and use of space in these lessons will support children in future lessons and in key stage 1 where they take part in team games. It will support their knowledge of using space, reacting to situations and controlling equipment, including balls. Learning in specific PD lessons will be continued into children's 360 environments to allow them to practise and embed skills.

Understanding of events and people from a very long time ago will be built upon when they hear stories of Charles Darwin linking to our topic of journeys and minibeasts. They will learn about Charles Darwin's life including the importance of his journeys around the world, the places he visited and how he explored. They will place him on their class line and learn that he was alive a long, long time ago. This will prepare children for when they learn about significant, historical individuals in key stage 1 including other explorers such as Ernest Shackleton and Ibn Buttata. They will understand that some people from a long time ago have had a significant impact on the world we live in today.

Children will use construction materials to build their own boats that will float. They will make their own Chinese New Year dragons and puppets by learning the techniques of folding card and paper. This will prepare children for when they make shell structures (tents) to meet a purpose in key stage 1 by folding and shaping card and paper. Knowledge of puppets and how they are used will also support learning in key stage 1 where children make textile hand puppets. Using sculpture materials such as salt dough and marking tools, children will make their own minibeasts. They will explore rolling, flattening and joining different sections of the dough and materials to create features. They will then decorate it using different marks, colours and painting techniques to build on knowledge gained in the autumn term of paint. In addition, children will explore cutting and joining techniques to make a moveable minibeast using card and split pins. This will build upon their prior knowledge of using scissors to cut different lines and joining techniques.

A strong focus on building communication and language skills across the curriculum this term will remain key. Children will learn and retell stories and rhymes from their rhyme book as well as learning nursery rhymes and action songs within music lessons.