

Literacy

The children will learn mark making and writing skills and be aware that print carries meaning in a variety of ways as well as develop listening and speaking skills in a range of contexts.

Our story focus this half term is on traditional tales which children will begin to learn and have the opportunity to re-enact as well as draw ideas of their own from.

Reception

This half term the children will be learning the sounds: ff, ll, ss, j, v, w, x, y, z, qu, ch, sh, th, ng, nk and using 's' as a plural.

Preschool

We will be continuing with our daily Rhyme time which allows the children to use alliteration, understand syllables and rhyme words in a fun and interactive way.

Mathematics

Preschool – This half term moves on from last by consolidating the learning the children have already completed on subitising 1,2 and 3 as well as looking at repeating patterns and exploring position and space.

Reception – The children will continue using the NCETM framework and within this will improve their counting skills as well as understand the composition of numbers. The children will reinforce their understanding of cardinality and how the last number we count tells how us how many altogether, as well as match numerals to quantities and verbally count beyond 20.

Autumn Term 2 Squirrel Class

Communication and language

We will continue our daily rhyme sessions and sharing of stories which allows children to learn new vocabulary and discuss themes which link to their own experiences as well as discuss likes and dislikes and form opinions which they can express. We will look at oral story telling of the traditional tales with props.

Expressive arts and design

This term the children will use the traditional tales to be able to explore creating houses for the pigs, bridges for th Billy Goats gruff, biscuits like the Gingerbread man and making their own porridge like Goldilocks. We will create firework art and explore Christmas through a range of techniques
Music sessions will begin with call and response through 'Which witch' allowing us to explore voice and role play as well as understanding beat using percussion instruments and creating our own lyrics with 'Row, row, row your boat'.

Knowledge and understanding of the world

This half term, the children will look at their local area. We will look at what is in Shute and the things we see along our welly walks then look at Shute on a local map and look at where we all live, creating an arial map.
We will continue to also discuss Autumn and its changes then begin to look at the changes Winter brings.

Personal, social & emotional development

This term the children will focus on friendships. We will look at what makes a good friend, how we feel if we are left out, how we can be a good friend and how to resolve conflicts with friends in a positive way.
The children will have opportunities to discuss their ideas and role play situations to cement their understanding.

Physical development

This term the children will be learning:
Gross motor skills – This half term our PE is gymnastics and ball skills. In gymnastics the children will create shapes, balance safely, use the equipment and create a short sequence . For ball skills the focus is rolling with the ball with accuracy.
Fine motor skills – Daily morning focused funky finger activities to help develop our dexterity.

Diary Dates

Parents evening - Tuesday 4th and Thursday 6th November 2025

Children in Need - Friday 14th November 2025

Pantomime - Monday 1st December 2025

EYFS/KS1 nativity - Tuesday 9th December 2025

Christmas fair - Friday 12th December 2025

Last day of term - Friday 19th December 2025