Grayswood Church of England Primary School

Year R Curriculum Overview

Autumn 2



Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Our PSHE unit this half term is 'Valuing Difference'. This unit encourages children to be sensitive towards others and celebrate what makes each person unique. We will recognise that we can have things in common with others and use our speaking and listening skills to learn about the lives of our peers. We will learn the importance of showing kindness and care towards others.

Communication and Language

The children will build on their repertoire of nursery rhymes and stories through daily exposure to songs and books. Children will be encouraged to join in with repeated refrains in stories and identify rhyming strings. We'll use topic related language to build on the children's vocabulary. The class will be encouraged to pose their own 'what' and 'who' questions. By the end of the Autumn term, children will be developing their ability to listen carefully and follow simple two-step instructions independently.

Expressive Art and Design

The class will be exploring paint and painting techniques through nature, music and collaborative work.

In music we will be exploring celebratory music from different cultures and religions.

Literacy

In phonics the class will learn the remaining phase 2 phonemes and corresponding graphemes. The children will learn to read plural CVC words e.g. hats. In our phonic sessions, the class will apply their phonic knowledge to segment for spelling and begin to write CVC words.

This half term the class will go on a trip to the theatre to see 'Hey! Christmas Tree'. By the end of the term, we aim for all children to have an effective pencil grip, write their name and begin to form some letters correctly. Children will also begin to orally compose simple sentences and write captions of 2–3 words.

Physical Development

In the autumn term the class will benefit from weekly forest school sessions.

In our PE lessons we will be participating in dance lessons led by an experienced dance instructor. The sessions will allow the class to explore a variety of technical, creative and performative elements connected to contemporary dance technique.

Understanding the World

This half term we will be celebrating a range of cultural festivals. We will recognise events from the past, such as bonfire night and Remembrance Day. In computing we will begin to understand simple algorithms through following a sequence of instructions.

In RE we will be exploring 'Why do we have celebrations' and enjoy the many different events happening this half term.

Maths

In maths, we will be exploring numbers to 5 in depth. We will look at the compostion of each number and find one more and one less than a given amount. Wrens will look at the properties of 2D shapes and begin to name some of these.

Our KIRFs (Key Instant Recall Facts) this term is to recognise quantities up to 5 without counting (subitise).