



## Me and my Personal Development

Class 2 will be focusing on making and tasting picnic foods, with the opportunity to develop their spreading and cutting skills and to make and communicate their choices about their favourite foods. In all areas of the curriculum the children will continue to learn to make choices and request using their own communication systems as well as learning to find their own way to different parts in and around the school. They will also take part in weekly touch and taste sessions where they learn to touch, smell, and taste foods that might be unfamiliar to them and to broaden the range of foods they are prepared to try, or at least touch!

Class 2 will continue to develop their own self-help skills including dressing and undressing skills, more independent eating as well as learning to be increasingly independent in skills such as hanging up their own coats and bags and finding their diaries in their bags to give to class staff.

## Me and my Communication

Our big book this term is The Three Little Pigs. We are focusing on listening, exploring props, identifying and matching symbols or photos from the story and developing early reading and writing skills related to the story. Each child has a word or symbol mat to find items related to the story as they listen.

This term the Class will have the opportunity to explore resources such as straw, sticks, a variety of building bricks and puppets. They will also play with a variety of resources to make dens and homes, which will include tents and making small houses with natural resources in the Dell.

Children in Class 2 will continue to develop their own individual communication systems when making choices, requests and commenting in their learning and play throughout the curriculum.

# CLASS 2 SUMMER TERM 2017 TOPIC: HOUSES AND HOMES

## Me and my Creativity

Class 2's imaginative play will be encouraged throughout the day with the use of role play areas, such as our '3 Little Pigs Workshop area' where they will be encouraged to build and create various structures, and work and play with their peers on their creations.

They will build their own dens and homes using big drapes and tents and hide there, and role play 'huff and puff' and blowing the house down.

They will make dens and homes using various materials, such as straw and twigs. They can use junk modelling materials to make model buildings and towers and all types of structures, which they can then enjoy knocking down.

Class 2 will continue to have music and singing sessions with the ukulele where they make choices about their favourite songs. They will develop their sense of rhyme and rhythm, as well as body awareness, by joining in with the rhythms by clapping, making different movements and the use of percussion instruments.

## Me and my Maths

Class 2 will continue to develop their number skills in a range of practical situations, such as giving one plate at snack time to one child, as well as enjoying number songs and learning to count the objects. We will focus on number 3, and they will work with sets of 3, in particular the 3 little pigs.

Class 2 will continue to develop their understanding of shape and positional language and following instructions to find their coat or bag from their peg, or to look for and fetch relevant items, such as their PECS book, in their usual places.

They will learn to make towers and walls and to place items on top of one another, counting up to and beyond 3 as they do so.



## Me and my Physical Development

Each week we swim in our wonderful new hydrotherapy pool and build on water confidence skills, learn to improve technique and be confident in the water. The children also have the opportunity for regular soft play sessions, to develop gross motor skills with advice and support from physios where appropriate.

We work regularly in class on fine motor skills, such as threading, playdough, painting and messy play. In keeping with our topic we will be painting brick walls, pasting wallpaper and constructing big and small models from a variety of materials.

We are hoping for lots of fine weather to practise using bikes and scooters, and to use the big playing field with trampolines, swings and climbing apparatus.

Class 2 also have weekly PE sessions with Sean where they are doing games and athletics including throwing and catching skills and learning to stop and listen on command!



## How you can help at home

Our Big Book this term is The Three Little Pigs, with our topic focus on Houses and Homes.

Talk to your child about where they live, take photos of your home, inside and out – can they identify the different rooms from the photos and begin to communicate an understanding of what each room is for - e.g. bedroom for sleeping, kitchen for eating?

Have fun building dens, do they like to hide inside the den – can you make it very dark and then use a torch inside? Try to visit a farm and see some real pigs – Willows Farm near London Colney is lovely!

Quote phrases from the 3 Little Pigs story for them to become familiar with and enjoy the rhymes. e.g 'I'll huff and I'll puff and I'll BLOW your house down' and 'No, not by the hair on my chinny chin!

Give your child the opportunity to help with tasks around the home for example putting their cup /plate back in the sink when they have finished (as we do after snack time at school)

Encourage your child to be as independent as possible in their choices. If your child needs symbols or photos to support their learning at home we'll be happy to provide them. Encourage imaginative play. If you model a simple action such as having a drink, brushing a doll's hair will your child watch and perhaps begin to copy?

Visit places, go to the park, the woods, go for walks and generally encourage your child to be as active as possible as it will help keep them healthy as well as being a fun way to learn.

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Thank you for your continued support

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Any queries please contact the Class 2 team.



## Me and my World

Class 2 have a daily class assembly where they learn to take part in a time of stillness and silence which is signalled by lights off and a candle. They are also learning to say our class prayer as well as to celebrate their own and others' achievements and special occasions such as birthdays.

Class 2 are learning to develop their technology skills through the use of cause and effect toys such as the Beebot. They will practise their switch or mouse skills and enjoy a variety of cause and effect toys and programs.