

Me and My Personal Development

Class 5 will continue to work on their personal development and on their personal hygiene skills. This term we will be focusing on healthy eating and learning about healthy foods and also what we should do to keep our bodies healthy. Pupils will continue to learn to work and interact with their peers. We should be seeing a return to our integration sessions with Chaulden this term, with pupils working on building positive relationships with their peers from other schools.

Me and My Communication

Pupils will continue to work on their communication, and now that our new library is up and running, they will have opportunities to communicate their story choices, and share these with an adult.

Pupils will also be taking part in our new Big Book story, the new Julia Donaldson book 'The Ugly Five'. As part of our work on the story, and as a means of exploring the different animals, we hope to be able to visit the zoo to see the animals in their natural habitat. There is also the possibility of inviting an exotic animal company to visit us to enable the pupils to experience close encounters with these animals.

We will continue with our work on our communication through the use of the Disney stories, so that pupils can read and comment on what is happening in the tales.

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Me and My Creativity

This term pupils will be working to explore and use different colours and materials to create their own T shirts and key pieces of clothing. The process requires pupils to explore a variety of materials before making decisions about what materials they will want to use to create their piece. The pieces created will then be displayed in our very own Woodfield fashion show towards the end of the year.

In music Nyree will continue to work with pupils on producing different sounds and following patterns when using a variety of instruments. Some pupils will also take part in music club on a Monday lunchtime to learn how to play key notes and pieces of music on different instruments.

Me and My Maths

Mathematical development in class 5 will this term be focusing on number skills and working to learn to match and write numbers to use these skills for functional purposes. Pupils will be taking part in number games and songs and learning to count and recognise quantities.

As usual, part of our mathematics development will take place in the form of our cookery lessons, in which pupils will continue to focus on our theme of healthy eating by learning to prepare and taste a variety of dishes, using a wide range of fruits and vegetables.

Me and My Physical development

Pupils will continue to develop their fine and gross motor skills through a variety of physical activities including their PE sessions and weekly swimming session. Pupils are also given the opportunity to use the fort and parents are asked to please make sure your child has appropriate outdoor clothing or a change of clothes to ensure this is possible. Some pupils will be once again offered rebound therapy as well as a reflexology programme. Parents will of course be informed if this is applicable to your child.

Me and My World

Pupils will continue to take part in exploring our local community. We will be focusing on road safety skills when out in the community.

For our shopping skills and money exchange, pupils will take part in weekly visits to local cafés to practice their social interaction skills with members of the public. This will also give them opportunities to use their communication skills to order chosen items.

Included in our Me and My World topic will be ICT, continuing our learning to use computers and iPads to access chosen programmes.

This term, during our Religious Education Focus Weeks, we will be exploring Hinduism and Christianity.

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How you can help at home

As always, we ask for you to help to develop your child's independence skills by allowing them time to practice key skills, such as using their knife and fork at dinner time, learning to cut items with a knife and helping you to cook and prepare food where possible. Dressing themselves where appropriate is also very important in learning to be as independent as possible.

Visit places, go to the park, the woods, go for walks (many of the things you do already) and this will encourage your child to be as active as possible.

Encourage your child to take turns in simple games both with yourself and with relatives and friends. Reading stories with your child and asking them to identify pictures or comment on aspects of the story is an excellent way to develop their communication. If your child has an AAC, PECS or Communication Book, encouraging them to use this as much as possible is always a real benefit to their development.

Dear Parents / Carers,

We hope this give you an idea about the sort of things we will be learning in Class 5 this term.

Any queries please contact Class 5 team.

Thank you for your continued support ☺

Lucy, Sharon, Keii and Gemma.