

Me and My Personal Development

This term we will continue to work on the concept of choice making. We will focus on the concept of how their bodies may be changing and consider the concept of public, private and appropriate behaviour with regards to exploring their own bodies. We will focus on menstruation for the girls and issues around masturbation for both male and female pupils.

We will continue to focus on friendships and learn about making choices within our friendship groups and not having to do what our friends tell us to do.

We will be exploring the story of 'The Lion Inside' to focus on pupil's self-esteem and confidence and expression of emotions.

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Me and My Creativity

As part of our Creativity topic, we will be focusing on using key skills to make a range of flags from different countries as part of our 'Around the World' topic. Pupils will learn to work with new materials and new equipment when taking part in this activity.

In our Music lesson, pupils will be taking part in a regular singing and signing sessions with their peers and learning a variety of new songs which they will perform to others as part of their performance work.

Pupils will explore a range of different types of new music from around the world and listen to different genres of music, making choices about which songs they like. As part of this lesson, pupils will learn and perform some dances from different countries.

Me and My Communication

Our reading focus this term will be on the story of Hansel and Gretel and the story of Ronald the Rhino. Pupils will focus on the story sequence as well as character description and reading and being able to write key words

Pupils will continue to work on their writing skills, each working on their individual targets. Pupils will also focus on writing shopping lists, although we will not be going out to shop. Pupils will be learning to order food online.

Our Communication sessions will continue to focus on our personal targets, with pupils taking part in intensive interaction, symbol and photo exchange, PECS, AAC and PODD and any other communication methods pupils may be using to ensure we provide your child with a Total Communication approach to their communication development.

Me and My Maths

This term, pupils will start to learn about the concept of time and start to recognise key events throughout the day. We will focus on being able to indicate and read key times throughout the day.

For our number work this term we will start to learn about subtraction equations and look at using our number skill in practical situations and work based activities.

Pupils will continue to work on solving number problems as well as continuing to work on their money skills. This work will take place within the classroom but also in community settings, with pupils learning to recognise and exchange money for favoured snacks and items.

We will start to focus on the concept of fractions and work with pupils to learn about the concept of whole, half, a third and a quarter.

We will continue our Maths work with our cooking lessons, learning to weigh and measure, using a variety of ingredients. Pupils will be focusing on producing Cream Teas so that their mathematical skills will be applied in a real-life context. As part of this, pupils will be working on making drinks and pouring a variety of different liquids into different sized cups to learn and practice their practical mathematical skill.

How you can help at home?

This term our focus will be on getting the pupils back into school and establishing a school routine. Please remember that just returning to school for some children may be a very tiring process, therefore when they are at home they may just need time to relax and recharge. Please do not feel that they need to be doing anything extra when they are at home.

However, if you would like to focus on extra learning at home, we ask 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, making sandwiches and food independently supports the work we do in the classroom as does dressing themselves independently where appropriate.

Visit places, go to the park, the woods, go for walks (many of the things you do already) and encourage your child to be active as possible to help keep them healthy and learning through these experiences.

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 PODD book or any other communication device, encouraging them to use this as much as possible is always very beneficial to their development.

Me and My Physical Development

Pupils will continue to take part in regular Physical Development lessons. PE will take place on a Monday (please ensure your child has their kit in school for these these sessions. Pupils will be working on their ball skills during their PE lesson.

Pupils will continue to have access to the sensory circuits throughout the school day and will have regular access to a range of outdoor sports clubs at lunch time.

Pupils will take part in a weekly Yoga lesson, focusing on their breathing and calming strategies

Fine Motor skills lessons will continue to take place with a range of skills and activities throughout the school day. These skills will also be part of our writing, fine motor skills lessons and cooking lessons. Pupils will work on using their fine motor skills for functional purposes, e.g. cutting and chopping fruit and vegetables.

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Dear Parents / Carers,

We aim to keep you up to date as much as possible to ensure you are aware of what is happening during the school day and anything specific regarding your child's learning or wellbeing. We will use the Home School email to communicate with you about your child's day and pass on any messages e.g. the need for sun cream or wellington boots. However, as we will only be giving a brief summary about your child's day we ask that you refer to this sheet to inform you about the topics your child will be learning in class and what you can do to support your child's learning at home.

Any queries please contact myself or Class 6 team.

Thank you for your continued support ☺

Lucy, Maggie, Gemma, Jackie and Sophie.

Me and My World

This term we will continue to work as part of a café skills team to continue to make our regular Cream Teas and learn to use the microwave. To do so, pupils will spend the day preparing these and starting to learn to make hot drinks as independently as possible. Included in this session will be a selection of sandwiches which pupils will be learning to prepare as independently as possible.

As part of our topic of Me and My World we will start exploring different countries to learn about the differences and similarities between our lifestyle and culture and the lifestyle and culture in other countries. This will include tasting some new foods and learning about different types of world music.

During our Religious Education focus weeks this term, we will be exploring and learning about the topics of Judaism and Hinduism.