

RECEPTION CLASSES TOPIC OVERVIEW FOR MARCH 2014

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- Continue to develop self-confidence and independent skills.
- Build-up levels of concentration for increasing periods of time particularly during adult-directed activities.
- Recognise the needs of others and be sensitive to the needs, views and feelings of others.
- Manage and control their own behaviour and respond appropriately in different situations.
- Understand what is required to look after other living things to keep them safe and healthy.

Communication and Language (Speaking and Listening)

- Begin to understand how to use information books and how they can extend their own learning.
- Continue to develop their questioning skills and the confidence to make comments.
- Develop the confidence to speak to others about their own needs, interests and opinions.
- Listen to others in a range of situations.
- Listen to familiar and new story books and poems so that they can join in with repeated phrases, rhymes and sentences.

Physical Development

- Understand the importance of food, sleep exercise, and hygiene and how they contribute to good health.
- Continue to develop fine motor skills using a variety of tools and apparatus with increased accuracy.
- Experience a range of activities to develop eye/hand co-ordination.
- Practice some appropriate safety measures without direct supervision.

All Creatures Great and Small

Literacy (Reading and Writing)

- Link sounds to letters, naming and sounding the letters of the alphabet.
- Continue to develop phonic knowledge for spelling, reading and writing purposes and recall of common, high frequency words.
- Begin to develop a simple story, explanation or line of enquiry.
- Extend opportunities for writing for different purposes and encourage more independent writing.
- Understand that information can be retrieved from books and computers.

Mathematics

- Activities involving counting, recognition, ordering and writing of numbers.
- Counting repeated groups of numbers.
- Simple recording of practical work.
- Practical activities ordering items by size, length, weight and height.
- Sort and classifying using different criteria eg. Minibeasts with wings, farm animals, creatures living in the sea etc.
- Simple data handling.
- Solving simple problems by doubling, halving and sharing.

Understanding the World

- Recognise changes in themselves and others.
- Look at the growth and development of different animals and plants.
- Celebrate Easter, Spring and new life.
- Use "Talking Tins" and "Talking Story Books" to record their voices.
- Continue using digital cameras and learn to download images onto the computers.
- Use the internet to find information and images related to the topic.

Expressive Art and Design

- Work creatively on both large and small scales using different media and techniques previously taught.
- Use instruments to create animal sounds, other music and sound effects to accompany a story. Listening and responding to a range of instruments and music.
- Encourage imaginative role play, drama and storylines.
- Experiment with colour mixing.