



The Giles Nursery and Infants' School

Summer Term 2024 Newsletter



Ladybird class

Our topic this half term is **'Water'** and our topic for next half term is **'Sand.'** The children will be listening to a variety of stories and learning a range of action songs. They will learn about the life cycle of a frog and use non-fiction books to learn facts about sea creatures. The children will be taking part in Maths Week and will enjoy a range of themed activities linked to 'Knights and Castles.' They will be observing changes during summertime and discuss the seasonal changes that they have experienced through the year.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development



Our themes across the school for this term are 'Relationships' and 'Changing Me.' During circle time activities, the children will discuss what a friend is and share some of the things they like about their friends. They will learn how to make good relationships and help others feel part of a group. The children will understand that they grow and change and respect the changes that they see in other people. They will discuss how to ask for help if they are worried about change and remember some fun things about Nursery this year.

Communication and Language

The children will be listening to a variety of stories about animals that live in water, such as 'The Wide Mouthed Frog' by Keith Faulkner, 'The Rainbow Fish' by Marcus Pfister and 'Clumsy Crab' by Ruth Galloway. They will read non-fiction books about animals living in seaside and river environments. They will have a variety of resources including outdoor equipment to encourage the children to act out their favourite stories.

Our phonics sessions will continue to develop their listening and communication skills and embed rhyme and alliteration. The children will continue to identify syllables in words and practise blending and segmenting sounds in words. The children will be introduced to the name and sound of the following letters 's, a, t, p, i, n.' They will look closely at how their mouth moves to make the sound and learn the 'letter patter' to use when they are forming the letter.

Physical Development



Fine motor skills: The children will continue to develop their fine motor skills with activities such as threading, using different size scoops, mark making tools and manipulating dough.

Gross motor Skills

The children will have daily opportunities to play outside in the garden. They will use small equipment such as hoops and beanbags and participate in turn-taking and team games. They will move like sea creatures and take part in yoga activities. The children will develop their agility and co-ordination in a range of fitness activities with Mr Pullin.



Literacy

Our stories will be based on our topic themes and will be used to structure many of the literacy activities. They will see writing modelled by adults and explore mark-making through a range of emergent writing activities. The children will be supported to form the letters they learn in phonics using the school's letter patter. The children will be writing on postcards, writing lists, labels in the role-play areas and an invitation to pirate day.

Mathematics

The children will use a variety of resources to learn and perform the song 'Five little speckled frogs.' Each day the children will practise their counting, subitising and number recognition. They will sort lily pads into size order and find more or less lily pads. The children will use shells for sorting, sharing, and creating repeating patterns.

Understanding the World



The children will learn facts about sea creatures and focus on facts about crabs. They will investigate floating and sinking. The children will compare a rock pool environment with a pond environment. They will celebrate Raksha Bandan and listen to stories about the celebration

Reminders

Stay and Play sessions will continue Thursdays between 8.30-9.20am and 12.30-1.20pm.

Thank you for all the wonderful support. We hope you find this newsletter helpful and informative about your child's learning this term. If you have any items relating to our topic which we could share or display with the children, please let us know.

Please name your child's plimsolls, clothing, and book bag.

Mrs Simmons

Class Teacher

Mrs Morgan, Mrs Aldridge, Mrs Jeffery, Miss Edwards, Mrs Black, Mrs Ravi, Miss Howard

Early Years Practitioners



Expressive Arts and Design

Creative activities will use a range of media to create frogs, crabs, and starfish crafts. The children will use sand to make seaside pictures, make musical instruments, binoculars, and telescopes. They will use pasta to make a frame for their self-portrait pictures. Our role-play area this term will be a pond area, under the sea and an ice-cream parlour. The children will be learning songs, action rhymes and playing a variety of percussion instruments together. They will learn and perform the songs 'Five Little Speckled Frogs', 'A Sailor Went to Sea, Sea, Sea', and 'One Little, Two Little Pirates.'