

Understanding the World

We will be:

- Making castles from different materials
- Identifying similarities and differences between houses and castles
- Using LearnPads, iPads and BeeBots
- Looking at how materials can change, e.g. ice melting
- Changing seasons and exploring Forest School



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Maths

Mathematical concepts are developed through practical experiences, rhymes and games. The children will be encouraged to use appropriate terminology in the following areas:

- Measure, e.g. length, height, time, weight and capacity
- Addition and subtraction
- Problem solving, e.g. when to use addition and subtraction
- 2D and 3D shapes and their properties
- Doubling, halving and sharing
- Number bonds
- Positional language

Overview

The children have really enjoyed their time in Reception so far. They are very excited about our topic, Medieval Mischief. As part of this we will be having a medieval dress up day on **Friday 10th February**. More information to follow.

Our term 4 topic is Mega Machines, which is all about diggers, tractors, motorbikes and any other machinery that the children show an interest in.

Expressive Art and Design

- Making items for our castle
- Designing a Mega machine
- A variety of drawing, painting, chalk etc. pictures linked to our topics
- Activities to develop fine motor skills
- Movement activities such as acting out our stories and moving to music

Physical Development

We will be focusing on moving in different ways, ball skills, jumping and moving equipment safely.

Dance will focus on movement activities such as acting out Jack and the Beanstalk and depicting the characters.

Please ensure that your child has full PE kit in school at all times. Thank you!

Notes

Oak and Ash class assembly – 22nd March at 8:50am. All parents are welcome!

Please bring in a photo of your family by Thursday 12th January for your child to share in circle time.

If you are ever able to help in class or in Forest School then please let us know. We always appreciate help 😊

Literacy

In Literacy we will be looking at a non-chronological report about giants. Our next text in Term 4 is 'Jack's Mega Machines' by Alison Ritchie & Mike Byrne.

Letters and Sounds will continue each day, with the children being taught phonics at their own level. We will continue to hear readers, focusing on blending, comprehension and expression when reading.

Please continue to hear your child read at home, questioning them about the text. We appreciate all your support!

PSHE

As the children continue to develop their social skills, we will emphasise the importance of sharing, playing co-operatively, listening to others, speaking quietly and politely, taking responsibility for our belongings and becoming increasingly independent. We will also be thinking about:

- Saying no to bullying and understanding how our actions affect others
- Our families and why they are special
- Expressing our own opinions and being resilient

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The children will be thinking about new life, Easter and different cultures and traditions such as Chinese New Year.