

Communication and Language

Children will be given opportunities to give their attention to what others say and respond appropriately. They will be encouraged to extend their vocabulary and express themselves effectively. Children will listen attentively in a range of situations and answer 'how' and 'why' questions.

Literacy

Key Texts: The Very Helpful Hedgehog by Rosie Wellesley, People Who Help Us by Lucy M George/Amanda Askew, The Cat in the Hat by Dr. Seuss, The Tale of Tom Kitten by Beatrix Potter, Topsy and Tim Meet the Police/Firefighters by Jean and Gareth Adamson

Key Outcomes: Children will discuss being helpful, saying 'thank you' and 'sorry'; pose a question to a visitor and use new vocabulary. They will read a repetitive text; read simple sentences and read new vocabulary. To develop their writing skills, children will write a thank you card message; write questions using question marks and captions for a class book. They will use their phonic knowledge to write words and write simple sentences which they can read themselves.

To help your child, you can: Model writing 'thank you' and 'sorry' messages and encourage children to ask questions of different people. You could also point out and encourage children to make their own captions to go with pictures and use adventurous vocabulary.

Understanding of the World

Children will talk about the different types of care and home life experienced by members of the class. They will look at the clothes and equipment required by people who do different jobs such as a dentist, vet, firefighter, police officer, teacher, doctor. They will create pictures and constructions of emergency vehicles and use a camera to take photographs of their friends. They will explore the ways that different people help them through role play in the classroom and in in the outdoor area. Children will learn about how to call 99 in an emergency, where fire exits are located in school using a map and how materials are recycled.

Physical Development

Children will use scissors, hole punches, paper fasteners, screwdrivers and other tools. They will work with card and paper and manipulate playdough, salt dough, water, sand and foam. Children will write messages and names on thank you cards, and be encouraged to show accuracy and care when drawing. They will practise moving confidently in a range of ways building on their gymnastics experiences in PE— jumping, landing, rolling and balancing.

CURRICULUM INFORMATION

Friendship Class

RECEPTION

Miss McAvoy

People Who Help Us

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Salvation - What is so special about Easter?
In this unit, children will learn about he events of Holy Week, as celebrated by Christians; that Christians believe Jesus died on a cross to show God's love to the world, and that because of Jesus, everyone can be forgiven for their 'sins'; that Christians believe Jesus rose from the dead.

Other information

Library visits will take place on Friday mornings.

Please read everyday with your child and record any significant observations of their progress in the Home-School Assessment booklet.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Children will explore the need to say 'thank you' and to apologise, through discussion, role play and thank you card writing. They will ask questions of adults who visit the class and who they meet in the community. They will remember to listen and respond to answers given and discuss the need for good dental hygiene and what to do in an emergency.

Maths

Focussed learning: Sorting objects using different criteria; exploring doubles leading to beginning understanding of odd and even.

To help your child you can: count out loud as much as possible, both forwards and backwards; relate numbers to quantities so children can 'see and feel' numbers; encourage children to use non-standard units to measure the length or height of objects and items; look for numbers in the environment (bus numbers, clock numbers, adverts) for children to spot; encourage correct formation of the digits when writing numbers to 20; challenge children to estimate how many sweets are in a packet or how many coins are in your purse.

Sorting and classifying are important early years' skills that encourage children to identify similarities and differences. These skills also support problem solving and the development of data analysis. The use of gesture to reinforce the spatial composition of odd and even Numberblocks will be an important focus.

Expressive Arts and Design

Children will paint portraits of different community and emergency workers. Children will role play tidying up a messy house, visiting and dentist and taking a pet to the vet. Children will sing songs, make music and dance experiment with ways of changing them. Children will listen and move to The Carnival of the Animals by Saint Saen and attempt to sing a simple round—London's Burning. Children will make emergency vehicles and design and make a recycling machine using woodwork and junk modelling.