



Cygnet Class Curriculum News Spring 1 2024



Communication and Language

We will be developing our speaking and listening skills daily through daily group discussion, circle times, PSHE, story, rhyme time, singing and through discussing ideas arising from our focus text Blue Penguin.

Personal Social and Emotional Development

We will be gaining independence in following routines, making new friends and getting to know the adults who support the class. Developing good learning behaviours will help us to learn and play together, to share, take turns, to talk, explore and investigate together. Our whole school focus is being Resilient and in our SCARF lessons we will be learning about Being My Best. We will be learning about being resilient, awareness of our emotions, approaching challenges and making healthy choices.

Physical Development

In our PE lessons we will be developing fundamental movement skills of balancing, running, hopping, jumping, travelling, and changing direction. We will take part in activities, through the theme "Places and Spaces." We will work independently and with a partner to complete tasks. We will be developing our fine motor skills by manipulating objects, developing pencil and paintbrush control. Taking shoes and coats off and tying buttons and zips independently.

Literacy

Our Literacy learning is based on the story Blue Penguin by Petr Horacek. The book will be a starting point for developing our speech, writing, creativity and independent learning.

In our Sounds Write phonic lessons we will be learning to read and write simple, cvc

(consonant, vowel, consonant) words eg "box" using the letters

Unit 7 x,y,ff,ll,ss,zz

Unit 8 vcc words eg and cvcc words eg best

Unit 9 ccvc words eg crab

We will learn to read and write the high frequency words all, come, some, to

Maths

We will be developing a deep knowledge of numbers to 8 by recognising, instantly recognising groups (subitising) within numbers, investigating pairs and combining 2 groups. We will be comparing mass, investigating full and empty and measuring capacity, comparing heights and lengths and learning about the days of the week sequence.

Understanding the World

We will be learning about New Year and how it is celebrated here and the similarities and differences to the Chinese New Year.

We will use our senses to investigate Winter.

We will investigate water and what happens when it freezes. We will learn about Antarctica and how it contrasts with our own environment.

Expressive Arts and Design

We will be exploring sounds when using voice and our bodies, experimenting with tempo and dynamic when playing instruments, identifying sounds in the environment and differentiating between them. We will explore Vincent Van Gogh's Starry Night, Eric Carle's and Petr Horacek's illustrations. We will use paint and collage to make images of Antarctica inspired by these artists.