



Cygnet Class Curriculum News Summer 1 2024



Once upon a time...

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 Handa's Surprise.

Personal Social and Emotional Development

We will be gaining independence in following routines, making new friends and maintaining friendships. 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 Respectful and in our SCARF lessons we will be learning about Rights and Respect. We will be learning about looking after the people who are special to us, being helpful at home and looking after our classroom, caring for the world and learning about how we use money.

Physical Development

In our PE lessons we will be learning to develop basic gymnastic skills through the topic of 'traditional tales'. To explore basic movements, creating shapes and balances, jumps and rolls. To begin to develop an awareness of space and how to use it safely. To perform basic skills on both floor and apparatus. To copy, create, remember, and repeat short sequences. To begin to understand using levels and directions when travelling and balancing. We will be developing our fine motor skills and learning and our letter formation.

Literacy

We will be exploring "Handa's Surprise" by Eileen Browne as a starting point for developing our writing, creativity and independent learning.

The children's interests and questions will direct the learning.

In our Sounds Write phonic lessons we will be learning to read and write more complex words which have sounds spellings where 2 letters make one sound: ch, tch (3 letters making one sound), th and ck.

We will be learning new high frequency words: there, their, these and revising is, a, the, I, for, of, are, was, all, some, come, to.

Maths

We will be using maths mastery to develop a deep knowledge of numbers. We will focus on the staircase pattern and ordering numbers, ordering numbers to 8 and using the language of more and less than. Focusing on the composition of 7. We will investigate doubles and how some numbers can be made with 2 equal parts. We will learn about odd and even numbers.

Understanding the World

We will use our senses to investigate late Spring in our environment. We will plant and care for a seed. We will learn about the life cycle of a chicken. We will be using our senses to explore different fruits. We will be developing an understanding of life in rural Kenya. We will be learning about the Savannah and some of the creatures which live there. In RE we will learn about special places and places of worship.

Expressive Arts and Design

We will be drawing and painting still lifes of fruit. We will make a fruit salad.

In music our learning will be based on traditional childrens' tales and songs, where we will learn that music and instruments can be used to convey moods or represent characters.