

### Curriculum Overview

# Class Name: Turtles

# Communication and Language

This term we will be continuing to develop our speaking and listening skills through our growing topic. We will also be focusing on:

- Explore why questions through scientific investigations
- Use talking as a way of exploring our own thoughts and understanding
- Continue to expand our vocabulary
- Use newly learned vocabulary in discussions
- Use talk to aid imaginative play
- Use talk to retell stories
- Develop our listening skills

# PSED

We are continuing to develop our social skills. We will be working hard to learn how to work as a team and contribute to a team. We will also be learning to:

- Take turns during games
- Share resources
- Attempt to resolve conflicts without adult support
- Learn about how to have a healthy lifestyle including dental hygiene, sleeping, a healthy diet and drinking water

# Physical Development

This half term we will be strengthening our core and gross motor skills through gymnastics. We will also be learning to:

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- Write some letters correctly and write our own names correctly
- Form lower and upper case letters correctly
- Control our bodies to make shapes, stretch and balance
- Understand what a healthy lifestyle is
- Talk about ways to keep healthy
- Use small tools accurately

## Literacy

We will be focusing on developing a love of reading throughout the year with dedicated story times and a wide range of texts in the environment. We will also be learning to:

- Explore fiction and non fiction texts
- Draw with details and increasing complexity
- Follow and give instructions
- Retell stories and rhymes
- Write short sentences with a capital letter and a full stop
- Write words with sounds that we know
- Read and write some 'red' words

#### Key Texts:

- That's Not a Daffodil
- The Egg Drop
- The Great Jam Sandwich

#### Maths

We will be learning the base of mathematical knowledge to ensure we have a strong understanding before building on this throughout the year. This half term we will focus on:

- Representing numbers 9 and 10
- Subitising to 10
- Composition of numbers 9 and 10
- Comparing numbers to 10.
- Adding two numbers
- Number bonds to 10
- 3D shapes
- Patterns
- Exploring and comparing length, height and time

## Understanding the World

We will continue to look at the changes we can see as the season changes. We will use items to spark curiosity where children will investigate and observe how they are used and how they work. We will also be learning about:

- Different celebrations such as Ramadan, Easter and Holi
- Planting and growing
- Our planet and how to take care of it
- Seasonal change
- Animals and their young
- Scientific investigations
- Exploring items from the past

## Expressive Arts and Design

The learning environment offers continuous access to different materials to construct with and explore. This half term we will be continuing to learn how to use these resources and tools responsibly and with increasing control. We will also be learning to:

- Complete observational drawings
- Select the best resource for our plan
- Explore sketching
- Draw with increasing complexity
- Design a sandwich
- Sing, rehearse and perform songs
- Use instruments to accompany music
- Move our bodies appropriately to music

## Teacher's Notes

Homework - Reading homework will be set weekly once appropriate. Homework will continue to be sent out on a Friday, however please ensure that your child's folder is in school every day.