

# Aspen



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## Literacy

We will be continuing to practise our phonics and reading, building our knowledge of letter sounds, as well as recognising and blending sounds to make simple and complex words. We will also be focusing and engaging with these stories: 'The boy and the rainbow', 'The Ugly Duckling' and 'The Owl Who was Afraid of the Dark'

## Numeracy

In Purple class, we will be working on multiplication, including recognising our timetables, and dividing simple numbers. We'll use different objects and methods to help us understand. We'll also keep reinforcing all of the work we've done on addition and subtraction in the Autumn term. In Orange class, we'll be continuing to count to larger numbers, as well as working on our colour and shape recognition.

## My World

We'll be looking at the weather, how it changes, what it looks like, different types of weather and different clothes we might wear.

## Learning for Life

In cooking, we'll be making a variety of different savoury and sweet dishes. As part of this, we will be working on how to cook hygienically and how to use equipment correctly.

## Myself and Others

We will be looking at what makes a good friend, different emotions we might feel and how we look after ourselves, such as washing our hands, brushing our teeth or putting our coats on.

## Communication and Language

Between our lessons, we will take part in various different activities that enable us to communicate how we feel, as well as sharing and taking turns with others. This will include learning through play.

## Music

We will explore different types of music we might like, as well as how music makes us feel. We'll also use a variety of different instruments to see if we can work on our rhythm, pitch and pulse.

## Creative Me

We will be learning how to create a volcano image using a range of line techniques. We will be exploring a range of artists representations of volcanoes.

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## P.E.

We are working on balance, movement and yoga this half term, as well as turn taking, playing simple games with balls, hoops and skipping ropes, and dance-based activities.

## How you can help at home

Please keep taking your children out as much as possible and giving them new experiences. Reading with them or to them will support word recognition and sounding, as well as encouraging them to use their fine motor skills - drawing, painting, mixing, playing with playdough - whenever it is safe and appropriate. If you need any work or reading books, please let Katie or Josh know. Any questions, please also feel free to ask!