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Literacy

Our stories this half term will be using all of the senses - sight, smell, touch, taste and hearing - to encourage communication, and our stories will be Peppa Pig went to the Supermarket, The Hungry Caterpillar and The Big Christmas Bake. Purple will be focusing on different styles of writing and how to create their own stories, and Orange will be looking at characters and continuing to recognise and write words and sounds.

Numeracy

In Purple class, we will be working on addition and subtraction, building on our topic of place value from last half term. As part of this, we will use a variety of different concrete objects and ways to explore numbers and how to count them. Purple will be working on numbers up to thousands and Orange will work on numbers up to 100.

My World

In Purple, will be looking at the properties of different materials and to identify them.
In Orange, we will be looking at different aspects of light and shadows, as well as how we can use materials to build different products.

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 learning all about being healthy and safe this half term, including talking about healthy and unhealthy foods, stranger danger, how to recognise situations/objects that are dangerous and safe.

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 are looking at different sensory ways we can explore music, as well as making our own musical/sound making instruments.

Creative Me

We will be exploring the story of Anansi the Spider and making art using different shapes, as well as wax crayons and colour, and how to thread and weave webs, building on our fine motor skills.

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Physical Education

In Orange, we will be working on multi-skills with objects, such as hoops, balls and foam javelins. We will also work on our gross motor skills through balancing, co-ordination, climbing and jumping.

In Purple, we'll be looking at gymnastics to build strength and flexibility and football/ futsal to build our team-working and passing skills.

All of the skills we learn will help to develop our balance, understanding of how our bodies work and flexibility.

Our PE days have changed:

Orange - Wednesday and Thursday

Purple - Monday and Wednesday

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!