

Learning Theme: Sweet Treats and Farm Life

Communication and Language

Pupils will be introduced to our 'sweet treats' and 'farm life' topics by focusing on our Power of reading books 'Biscuit Bear' and 'Hungry Hen'. Pupils will retell a simple story and will recall some events in detail. Pupils will use small world resources to support with retelling key events in these stories.

Pupils will develop new vocabulary whilst learning about the life cycle of a chicken and will be encouraged to develop their curiosity by asking questions to find out more.

Pupils will be supported to articulate their ideas and thoughts in well-formed sentences.

Personal, Social, Emotional Development

Through our 'sweet treats' theme, pupils will talk about the importance of healthy eating and toothbrushing to support them to develop and manage their own care needs. The pupils will practice brushing teeth in the Dentist role play area and will sort healthy and unhealthy foods.

Through our Power of Reading books, Pupils consider the feelings of others linked to the main characters and will develop empathy towards fictional characters and how we might empathise with one another in the real world.

Pupils will continue to build constructive and respectful relationships with their peers, sharing and taking turns.

Physical Development

Gross Motor Skills:

In the Circus role-play area, pupils will investigate different gymnastic movements, jumping, rolling etc. to perform as the acrobats in the circus.

Pupils will further develop and refine a range of ball skills including: throwing, catching, kicking, passing, batting, and aiming through outdoor games.

Fine Motor Skills:

Pupils will continue to develop their fine motor skills so that they can use a range of tools competently, safely and confidently. Pupils will work with playdough and salt dough to create shapes for different types of biscuits with cutters. Pupils will use paintbrushes, scissors and pencils to explore colour mixing and joining materials to create farm animals.

Literacy

Our Power of Reading book for the first half of the Spring term is Biscuit Bear. Pupils will write labels and captions to describe the character and story events. Pupils will read a set of instructions and learn how to make a biscuit. Pupils will have the opportunity to design a biscuit and write a caption to describe their biscuit.

Our Power of Reading book for the second half of the Spring term is Hungry Hen. Pupils will make predictions about story events and will create story maps to retell story events. Pupils will use non-fiction books to learn about life cycles and will write simple captions to describe the life cycle of a chicken.

Phonics:

Pupils will continue with daily phonics sessions to help with segmenting and blending to support reading and writing simple words and captions.

Mathematics

Number:

Pupils will continue to develop their subitising and counting skills and explore the composition of numbers within and beyond 5. They will begin to identify when two sets are equal or unequal and connect two equal groups to doubles. They will begin to connect quantities to numerals

Shape, Space and Measures:

Pupils will become more familiar with key mathematical vocabulary through practical activities to describe measures including mass, capacity, length, height and time. Pupils will use bricks and blocks to measure using non-standards units.

Pupils will learn about 3D shapes and their properties. They will find and identify 2D shapes on the flat faces of 3D shapes and will carry out a shape hunt around the school. Pupils will begin to make links between pattern and shape and will notice patterns in the environment.

Understanding the World

During our 'sweet treats' topic, pupils will use cookery as a chance to explore changes in materials by baking their own biscuits. Pupils will make icing to decorate the bears and explore what happens to the icing sugar when water is added? What happens to it when it is left?

In the second half of the Spring Term, the 'Living Eggs' will be in school for the pupils to observe the eggs and watch the life cycle of a chick over a number of weeks. Pupils will learn about farm animals and farm life and will look at the growth and change of different animals.

Religious Education:

Pupils will explore and respond to the following questions:

- Why is it important to remember good things?
- How is new life celebrated?

Expressive Arts and Design

During our 'sweet treats' topic, pupils will make and paint biscuit bears from salt dough. Pupils will design and make their own biscuits using a variety of creative materials and will use their imagination in the 'Bakery' and 'Dentist' role-play areas to develop storylines in their pretend play. In the 'Theatre' role play area, pupils will engage in music making and dance, performing solo or in groups.

In our 'Farm Life' topic, pupils will create simple paper-plate masks of the characters and other farm animals to use in their role-play and will use recycled boxes and materials to make models of farm animals. Pupils will look at illustrations by Caroline Jayne Church and will mix primary colours to create the desired secondary and tertiary colours. In the role play area, pupils will set up a 'Farm Shop' and continue to develop story lines in their play.