



Understanding the World

In addition to the activities below, the children have everyday access to a wide variety of topic related continuous provision activities to enable exploration and the opportunity for children to demonstrate the Characteristics of Effective Learning, consolidate and extend their learning and interact with their peers and teachers. We read a broad selection of stories, non fiction, rhymes and poems which enable children to increase their understanding of our culturally, socially, technologically and ecologically diverse world. We invite visitors such as police, paramedics, nurses and farmers into school and plan visits in the community such as the zoo, Tower, park, church and library so that children gain first hand experiences of the world around them. We hold special themed days such as Diwali Day, British Values Day, Bonfire, Space Day, Internet Safety Day and we support several charity events during the year as well as Year group enterprise activities. We also have a discreet RE session each week where children learn about a variety of cultures and religions and attend assemblies. Children have a Mandarin session each week with our specialist Mandarin teaching team.

Autumn 1

Family/Autumn/Harvest

Talk about photos of their family from home. Weekend/ daily news with Star Bear/ Busy Bee. Tour of school look at map of school site. Autumn walk & observe changes. Weather. Collecting & describing Autumnal objects. Observing a decaying apple over a fortnight. Recognise/ sort hibernating animals. Building hibernation homes. Learning about harvest around the world. Why and how it is celebrated past and present. Looking at each stage of the bread making process & tasting different breads. Changes of state in cooking activities. To use the IWB
Butter experiments TAPS
Mandarin—Introductions, numbers, greetings, maths
RE—All About Me, Community, Islamic New Year, Harvest Festival.
Bedtime story night

Autumn 2

Space/Bonfire /Diwali/ Enterprise/Christmas

Fact finding about the different planets & compare to Earth. Find out about figures from the past through stories, news footage, Google. (Neil Armstrong, Van Gogh, Guy Fawkes). Learn about the history of Bonfire night through different sources. Diwali- Rana and Sita story. Diwali traditions and Hindu customs, Indian food tasting. Locate India on google maps and globe. Talk about different Christmas traditions & how they vary from family to family & across the world. Christmas Story.
Browning Apples TAPS
Mandarin- Body Parts, Family, Science.
RE- Remembrance Day, Hanukkah, Christingle, Christmas Story. **Visit to Panto. Nativity**

Spring 1

Winter/Castles/Transport

Winter walk observe changes what do they see, hear, feel. Finding out about Arctic animals & how they are suited to their environment. Rescuing animals stuck in the ice by melting it in a range of ways. Melting chocolate experiment. Learning about past Castles and castle life compared to their life. Investigating materials, discussing properties & finding out which is best for knight's armour. Investigating different surfaces for cars to run down. How does it affect the friction? Barnaby Down Under, compare Australia to England. Use google earth to compare landscapes. Vehicles past and present.
Ice experiment TAPS
Mandarin- Food & Drink, DT
RE-NY, Chinese New Year, Lohri Festival (Punjabi), Valentines.Geography Day – transport. **Police Visit C N Y**

Spring 2

T. Tales/Superheroes/Healthy Bodies

Comparing the materials for The Three Pigs' houses. Building a strong house. Building a suitable bridge for the 3 Billygoats. Learn about the roles of people who keep us safe (Nurses, doctors, police...). Real life superheroes. Superheroes from past and present. Investigating how to make Rocket Rob fly with a plastic bottle. Learn the 5 senses. Senses walk around school. Looking at different foods, tasting and comparing our likes & dislikes.
Taste Experiment TAPS
Mandarin- Commands, Classroom instructions
R.E- Lent, Palm Sunday, Easter Story, Shabbat.
Nurse Visit

Summer 1

Spring/Recycling/Toys

Spring walk observing/ drawing plants and wildlife. Growing plants from seeds/ beans. What do they need to grow well? Observe and draw parts of a plant. Label. Make miniature gardens. Minibeast Hunt. Observations & drawings of mini beasts. Fact finding about minibeasts. Visit the playground & investigate & draw the equipment. Design a new playground Find out about the things that can be made from recycled materials. Sorting recycling into recycling boxes. Recycling technology. Exploration of magnets. Comparing & sorting old & new toys. How children were entertained in the past. Investigate waterproof materials - dive suit for Traction Man.
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Mandarin- Colours, Animals, Art.
R.E- Giving thanks, Christian Aid, Hindu Festival of Rama Navami. Geog-Earth Day
Visit from farmer with lamb Park Visit

Summer 2

Animals/ Under the Sea/Pirates

Naming & describing different animals. Matching animals & their young. Looking at how animals change as they grow. Visit to the zoo & looking at different animal habitats. Investigating the "Under Sea World", what it is like and what lives there. Experimenting with floating & sinking; testing a range of objects to see if they float or sink & investigating why. Study of a real fish. Observational drawing & labelling. Drawing pirate treasure maps & putting on features of a dangerous landscape. Design & make a boat that can float. Make and test it on the water. Seaside and landscapes.
Scavenger Sort TAPS
Mandarin- Adjectives, English.
R.E- prayer, special places ,church, Eid ul-Adha-Islamic festival. Geog Day- Under the Sea
Visit Zoo/ Stanah Class assembly