Literacy Focus: Colour and Shape

In literacy, we will be reading a range of fiction and non-fiction books about 'Colour and Shape' e.g. 'Brown Bear, brown bear' and Elmer. We will be focusing on listening and being able to retell simple stories and being able to tell me what they like and what they think might happen next as well as using non-fiction books to increase their knowledge of shape, shape patterns and primary and secondary colours.

Phonics – Phase 1 – Aspect 3-4

We will sing lots of familiar nursery rhymes each day and explore sound and rhythm using musical instruments, actions songs as well as begin to think about rhyming words.

Please ensure you are doing lots of reading with your child and singing songs especially action songs like 'If you are happy and you know it!' and 'Wind the bobbin up'.

Religious Education:

This term we will be learning all about Christmas and the theme focuses on giving and the importance of kindness.

PSHE:

We will be focusing on 'Celebrating Differences' The children will talk about their families, what their favourite things are, what they like to play with and what makes them and their family special.

Computing:

The children use 'Bee-bots' and the interactive whiteboard to play 'games' focusing on our topic 'Colour and Shape'.

Maths Focus:

<u>Number</u>

Counting to 10 through number songs We will be encouraging children to join in with familiar number songs such as 5 little speckled frogs and 5 little ducks

Shape, space and measure:

- 2D shapes and patterns
- Shapes 2D and 3D
- Filling up containers with water and sand heavy, light, full, empty

Parents please ensure you help your child looks around their home and local environment to see what shapes they can see. Encourage your child to use shape language e.g. round, edge, corners, sides.

Topic based learning/Understanding the World

The topic we will be learning is about 'Colour and Shape'. We will be setting up lots of fun shape and colour activities that allow children to explore the language of shape and discover the shapes and patterns in the class and outside environment.

Music:

The children will be encouraged to copy a simple beat and move their instruments in different ways e.g. fast, slow, loud, soft.

Physical Education (PE)

Every day our Early Years children are encouraged to move around in our outdoor space, balancing, climbing, jumping and using our balance bars, bikes and tricycles.