

Gorseybrigg Primary School and Nursery

Curriculum Matters



Term **Spring 1 - 2017**

Year Group **Reception**

Teacher **Mrs Kirkwood**

Please note that not all subject areas will necessarily be taught each term and we cannot write down everything we teach!

Topic

Opposites

Week 1 – Light and Dark

Week 2 – Big and Small

Week 3 – Loud and Quiet

Week 4 – Hard and Soft

Week 5 - Hot and Cold

Week 6 - Wet and Dry

Literacy

- Reading fiction and non-fiction books involving opposites including 'Can't you sleep little bear?' and 'Goldilocks and the three bears'
- Writing mini-books to retell known stories
- Writing our own versions of 'Handa's Surprise' and adding some unexpected characters and foods
- Retelling stories using story maps to demonstrate understanding of what has been read.

Mathematics

- Using quantities and objects to add and subtract 2 single digit numbers. We will also be beginning to write our own number sentences
- Solving problems including doubling and halving
- Playing board games which involve counting on or back
- Counting in 2's and 10's
- Solving problems involving money
- Writing numbers 11-20 correctly

Personal, Social and Emotional Education and RE

- Discussing rules e.g.- helping at tidy up time
- Discussing setting goals and how it feels to achieve them!
- Discussing special places and talking about what makes them special

Physical Development

- Learning games which involve balls and hoops
- Talking about rules and learning how to play fairly
- Learning how to stretch and curl our bodies in different ways in gymnastics
- Dancing in different styles e.g.- country dancing and responding to different kinds of music

Communication and Language

- Responding to other people's ideas with relevant comments and questions
- Listening to and following instructions with several ideas or actions
- Developing own explanations and ideas
- Listening to stories which involve opposites such as 'light and dark' or 'big and small'

Expressive Arts and Design

- Painting our large and small bears and making large and small lanterns in response to the story 'Can't you sleep little bear?' (look out for them on display in the classroom!)
- Making our own instruments using junk modeling materials
- Making feely pictures and investigating different textures
- Weaving with hot and cold colours
- Mixing paint and investigating colour

Understanding the World

- Investigating shadows, light and dark
- Sorting objects which are large or small
- Taking photographs of loud and quiet activities
- Changing materials using heat such as melting chocolate and making jelly

Helping at Home

- Read books about opposites and discuss main story events in order
- Practice your spellings as often as you can
- Practice counting in 2's and 10's
- Play maths games involving counting forwards and backwards e.g.- snakes and ladders
- Practice writing numbers 11-20 with the numbers the correct way around
- Use the computer keyboard to type names, captions or labels