

Gorseybrigg Primary School and Nursery

Curriculum Matters



Term **Spring 1 - 2018**

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

Pattern

Term 1 topic – 'Pattern' – We will be learning about lots of different types of patterns including musical patterns, colour patterns, size patterns, Repeating patterns and Symmetry.

Literacy

- Writing simple sentences and telling an adult what they have written.
- Using phonic knowledge to write words in ways which match their spoken sounds and playing phonics based games.
- Retelling and writing known stories such as Elmer and we're going on a bear hunt.
- Demonstrating understanding when talking with others about stories (We're going on a bear hunt, Elmer and Handa's Surprise).
- Reading and understanding simple sentences.
- Reading and spelling the 45 reception key words.
- Using the phonemes qu, ng, ee and oo to read and write tricky words.
- Learning to read the tricky words was, will and with.

Mathematics

- Creating and recognising simple patterns.
- Using quantities and objects, adding and subtracting with two single-digit numbers.
- Using everyday language to talk about weight to compare objects and to solve problems.
- Solving problems involving sharing.
- Counting in 2's and 10's.

Personal, Social and Emotional Education and RE

- Being confident to try new activities and trying to put on our own coats!
- Playing co-operatively and taking turns with others.
- Setting ourselves goals and feeling proud of ourselves when we have achieved them.
- Learning about special places and asking 'Which places are special and why?'

Physical Development

- Experimenting with different ways of moving in gymnastics focusing on stretching and curling.
- Knowing the importance for good health of physical exercise, and a healthy diet, and talking about ways to keep healthy and safe.
- Playing games based around using hoops and quoits.
- Dancing and playing ring games.

Communication and Language

- Listening to stories and discussions.
- Following instructions involving several ideas or actions during dance and music activities.
- Asking how and why questions in response to stories (Handa's Surprise and Elmer).

Expressive Arts and Design

- Safely using and exploring a variety of materials, tools and techniques, experimenting with colour, design, texture, form and function by creating shape patterns.
- Representing own ideas, thoughts and feelings through dance and music. Working with a small group or partner to create and copy musical patterns.
- Making animal print collages.

Understanding the World

- Talking about similarities and differences between ourselves and others and reading the Elmer stories by David Mckee.
- Investigating symmetry using mirrors.
- Completing computer games which involve investigating number patterns.
- Talking about features of our school environment and making rubbings of patterns found at school.
- Making observations of animal patterns.

Helping at Home

- Read with your child often and remember to write in your child's reading record!
- Practice your child's spellings with them and encourage them to use the cursive handwriting style.
- Practice counting in 2's and 10's.
- Play games which involve sharing things out fairly into groups of 2,5 or 10.
- Notice and talk about patterns on clothing or in your home.
- Practice reading and spelling the 45 key words attached to this letter.
- Visit the oxford owl website. You can join for free and there are loads of interactive books for your child to enjoy!

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