

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

As one of our prime areas of learning there is always a lot of focus on this area of the curriculum. However, this term we will be incorporating lots of activities that give the children opportunities to make friends, learn how to share, follow rules and instructions and to work together. We will also be encouraging independence within the setting.

Mathematics

In EYFS we start off your child's 'Big Maths' journey with 'Little Big Maths'. During these short sessions the children will be learning counting skills, number recognition and the beginnings of how we use numbers in the world around us.

Alongside our number work we will also be developing our understanding of positional language, shape, space and measure.

All of our maths work will be underpinned with related activities available to the children within the continuous provision and around the setting.

Physical Development

Our outside area allows us to access a range of different resources that help us to develop gross motor skills. These include; trikes, ride on cars, ribbons and our lovely climbing frame.

As part of physical development, we will also be threading, drawing, cutting and taking part in regular dough disco sessions. All of these activities will help to strengthen the muscles in our hands and allow us to improve our pencil grip.

Assessment

The most effective way for young children to learn is through play. Our Early Years provision is enriched with play based activities aimed at encouraging and developing specific skills. Children will be observed during their play and as they engage with activities in nursery.

Our children are constantly learning from everything and everyone around them. We know that lots of learning happens wherever our amazing children are, so we would love to hear about any out of school achievements.



Autumn 2

Elmers

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Mrs Waller

Mrs English (PPA Cover)

TAs:

Mrs Bracken & Mrs Laver

Welcome to a very busy half term in Elmer class. Thank you for all your support so far. We are looking forward to working alongside parents and carers more throughout the year.

Our theme is ...

Heroes

We will be looking at the heroes in our lives, as a starting point and doing activities related to that.

We are also keen to find out more about the emergency services & looking at the book Emergency!

There will also be a focus on the various festivals that happen during this half term.

Useful Things to Know

Our Nursery is open – 8:50 – 3:05

To book sessions, changes to sessions, make payments and sickness records please contact the main school office and please note that any extra sessions must be paid for and booked a week in advance.

Please encourage your children to be as independent as possible. This includes going to the toilet by themselves and putting on their coat and shoes by themselves.

Show and Tell will take place on **Tue** and **Thur** only.

Please check our class blog to find the latest information along with regular updates of what the children have been doing in class. Comments on our blog page are always welcome.

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Please do not hesitate to speak to any member of our team if you have any questions or queries.

Communication Language and Literacy

We will be introducing the children to the whole school Read Write Inc programme, through a range of practical activities. We will begin by focusing on RWI routines and hearing/distinguishing sounds. When ready, the children will learn sounds from the program and will practise saying, reading, finding and writing this sound in different ways.

We will be encouraging children to mark make using a range of materials, both inside and out. We will practise writing our names during registration times and throughout the day during free play.

Understanding the World

We will be exploring festivals, thinking about the different ways people celebrate around the world. We will also be looking at different occupations.

The diversity at Walkley Primary School, means we encourage the children to explore cultures and communities using their own experiences as a starting point for learning. We have access to maps, videos and artefacts.

We are also very lucky to have a range of technology on offer for the children to explore, including – iPads, Activ board and cameras.

Expressive Arts and Design

Linked to our topic, we will have a vets themed role play corner for the children to take part in imaginative play.

We will be creating some splatter pictures inspired by artist Jackson Pollock. As well as some Christmas themed art work.

The children have access to a range of resources in the continuous provision to use their imaginations to create models and pictures.

The children will also be participating in the EYFS Nativity, as well as experimenting with instruments, dancing & songs.

Thank you for your support

**Mrs. L Waller, Mrs. G Bracken
& Mrs. J Laver**