Myself, My Class, My School Foundation Autumn Term 1



Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This term we will focus on settling into school, learning the routines and rules of the classroom and making friends. Using the story of The Rainbow Fish, we will be thinking about what friendship really is and developing a sense of shared ownership of 'our' class.

Communication and Language

We will be learning to speak in a group, to listen to each other and to answer questions by sharing our summer holiday posters with the class. We will also be starting to work with a 'talk partner' to share ideas and help each other learn.

Literacy

In Phonics we will be practising listening to different sounds in words and in the world around us. We will be using the story of The Rainbow Fish as a stimulus for learning. During carpet time we will be enjoying nursery rhymes, songs and games to develop our awareness of rhyme and alliteration.

Understanding the World

This term we will be exploring our new school environment, inside and out, and observing the gradual seasonal change from Summer into Autumn.

> "A long way out in the deep blue sea there lived a fish. Not just an ordinary fish, but the most beautiful fish in the entire ocean. His scales were every shade of blue and green and purple, with sparkling silver scales among them." The Adventures of Rainbow Fish, Marcus Pfister

Mathematics

In Mathematics: Number we will be developing our concept of number by reciting, counting, recognising and ordering numbers to 10 and finding out about the composition of numbers to 5.

In Mathematics: Numerical Patterns we will be making repeating patterns and using Numicon to explore patterns within numbers.

We will also be exploring positional language and measuring ourselves on a height chart.

Expressive Art & Design

There are extensive opportunities for children to express themselves through Art and Design in Foundation. This term we will be drawing selfportraits and life-sized pictures of each other. We will also be making our own rainbow fish to put together into a class display.

Religious Education

In RE, we will be learning about the Bible story of Creation and how God made the world and all of us. We will also be beginning to find out about special people in Christianity and Judaism.

Physical Development

Our PE lessons will be on Thursday and the children should come to school in PE kit suitable for indoor and outdoor activities. We will be developing our agility, balance and co-ordination. Activities such as drawing, cutting and threading will help us to improve our fine motor skills.

Welly Wednesday

Welly Wednesdays take place on alternate Wednesday afternoons throughout the year, whatever the weather and the children should come to school dressed appropriately. We take our learning outside to explore and work with natural materials. We also enjoy sharing a story and a mug of hot chocolate.