

Our intent is to support the children to become confident, happy learners, through providing an engaging, exciting curriculum based on the children's unique needs and interests.

Expressive Arts and Design

In Art we will be drawing using chalk pastels, printing with natural materials and using clay to create a minibeast.

In Music we will be exploring the track Big Bear funk.

12345 Maths

This term in maths we will be covering the following: Numbers to 20 and beyond, Adding More, Taking Away, and Sharing and Grouping.

In Mastering Number we will be developing children's fluency in counting, subitising and knowing pairs of numbers that make 10.

Physical Development

Kinetic Letters: working on special friends
PE— Multiskills, practising for Sports Day
Fine motor skills e.g. cutting/ threading .
Daily Go noodle/ Just dance / Stormbreak
Bikes and Trikes.



Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This term we will be continuing our PSHE program **Jigsaw**. This half term's focus is **Relationships**, where the children will learn about **making friends, belonging**, solve problems, , being kind , managing feelings and how to be a good friend. We will continue to have **circle times** to talk about our feelings and emotions linked to story. Alongside this we will be continuing to work on play skills such as **turn taking, sharing, similarities and differences, learning the difference between right and wrong** and personal hygiene.



Forest sessions- every week

Wednesdays

Year R

The Secret Garden—Summer 1 2025
Here is what the year R children will be experiencing this half term.

Understanding the World

We will be learning all about plants, including the different parts of a plant, what they need to grow, as well as the life cycle of a plant. As part of our learning we will be walking to the range to buy seeds and planting them ourselves. We will then look after them and hopefully watch them grow! We will also be learning about different Minibeasts. Forest walks will continue this term, our focus being **signs of summer**, and minibeast hunts. We will also be learning about VE day on 8th May and celebrating this. In RE we are learning about the importance of water through the celebration of Holi. We will also be celebrating **St. George's day , Walk to school week & National Nurse awareness day.**

Communication and Language

We will **be taking turns in conversation to listen to each other and respond appropriately**. The children will continue to take turns to hold a presentation assembly where they can learn how to ask questions. In the forest they will describe what they see, hear and feel whilst outside and we will continue to listen carefully to stories and answer questions about what we have heard.

Literacy

We will be introducing the texts Jack & the Beanstalk, That's My Flower, Little Bee and What the Ladybird Heard. We will be using other Non-Fiction texts to find information about plants and Minibeasts too. In Kinetic letters we will be practicing snuggling the special friends together. In Drawing Club we are encouraging the children to write in simple sentences applying their sound knowledge and using red words independently (eg the cat on the mat). Please continue to read at home and record these in your child's reading diary.

Red text are **SMSC opportunities** (Social, moral, social and cultural)

Challenge your child to make a number line to 20. practice jumping an object to show one more or one less.

Use your voice to explore the pitch your voice makes eg loud, quiet, high, low sounds.

Look at plants in your garden, name them and identify the different parts, e.g. stem, leaf

Play a game (phase 2), like- Grab a giggling grapheme, on www.phonicsplay.co.uk

Ideas to support your child in Year R's learning at home

Continue to challenge your child to stay reading/ writing in a Strong Lizard, staying longer each time.

Help hang the washing out using pegs to make your finger and hands strong for pencil holding.

Practice holding your pencil in the 3 friends hold like this.



Go on walks to look for signs of Summer and for minibeasts. Talk about what you can see.