

Don't Stop Me Now!

Topic Web

Reception Autumn One



Persona, Social and Emotional Development

(PSED): We are using a new whole school scheme called SCARF. This half term we are very excited to be celebrating being who we are and talking about ways we are all different. We will also be thinking about who can help us in times of need, both at home and in school. Another important part of our learning will be how to manage social situations with our friends and ways to resolve things more independently.



Physical Development: A really important part of Early Years is helping our children get stronger through gross motor skills and physical activity. We will have lots of opportunities to do this in our outdoor area and in our PE sessions. This half-term we will be helping the Gingerbread Man get fitter and faster by focusing on fundamental movements required for all sports and physical activity. We will also be working on independently taking off and putting on our coats and jumpers, as well as some fine motor skills, like having a go at doing up our zip, threading and having a go at holding a pencil.



Expressive Art and Design: There will be lots of opportunities for children to get creative and to express their own unique styles when building, 'junk modelling', painting and mark-making. We will do lots of singing and dancing in Reception, we will talk about the music we listen to and share how it makes us feel. This half-term in Music, we will be learning about pitch, tone and melody and will even be making up our own melodies and performing them for our friends.



Maths: To ensure we are all secure in our knowledge of number, we will focus on one number each week and will delve into the meaning of a number, what it looks like and where it is placed on a number line. We will be looking out for numbers in our environment, how to write them and learn all the different ways to represent each number. You could also be doing this at home too! Don't forget to send any pictures to us via Dojo.



Communication and Language: We will be working really hard on developing our listening skills. We will play lots of listening and turn taking games to support us with this. There will be lots of opportunities to talk to our new friends and the adults in our classroom as well as building our confidence to speak in front of our peers during circle time or when answering questions during carpet sessions.

Literacy: We will be reading 'The Gingerbread Man' by Miriam Latimer, this half term. WE will look at new vocabulary and will be thinking about character feelings. We will also be linking our text to lots of other parts of our learning.

Phonics: We use 'Monster Phonics' at SMITH and focus sounds will be s, a, t, p, i, n, m, d, g, o, c, k, ck.

Reading: We love reading stories in Reception! Children will come home with 1 or 2 new books on Fridays. Please fill in their yellow home reading record book and return these on Wednesdays. Please focus on talking about the pictures.

Understanding the World: In keeping with The Gingerbread Man and the yummy biscuit he was, we will be talking about some of our own favourite foods as well as some sweet treats enjoyed by older family members. We will also be researching and tasting sweet treats from around the world and locating different countries on a map. To add a little balance, we will make some savoury dishes too and will also be considering ways to keep our bodies and teeth healthy. We will spend some time learning about animals in our story as well as using our wildlife camera to see what animals visit our very own school garden at night.