

Physical Education:

We have a daily Busy Fingers session which focus on our fine motor activities to build upon and strengthen muscle development. We also have opportunities for gross motor skills in our garden that change weekly.

PE Sessions:

We will be practising our ball skills this half term, working on throwing, catching and rolling. We will also be learning how to dance and move in time to the music in preparation for our Fairy Tale Ball.

Communication and Language:

We will be using Big Talk to develop our speaking skills, which in turn help us with writing. We will practise articulating our ideas clearly, expanding our vocabulary and using joining words such as because, then, and.

We will be learning to explain our ideas in more detail this term and link more than one thing together in a sentence.

We will also be learning to use positional language in maths and story telling language in literacy.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development:

This half term we are focusing on how to take care of ourselves. We are learning about healthy food and how to prepare food for our Fairy Tale Ball. We will also be learning about how to keep our teeth healthy as well as hygiene such as washing our hands to wash germs away. The children will be developing their independence skills, including how to do up a zip, cut up their food, put on their own shoes and coat and get changed for PE.

Understanding the World:

We will be learning about the Easter story and why this is a special celebration for Christians. We will learn about how Easter is celebrated around the world. We will also learn about the period of lent in the run up to Easter and what this signifies. We will all design and enjoy eating a pancake on Shrove Tuesday.

We will be learning about animals that live locally to us, the environment they live in and how to take care of them.

Maths:

We will practise counting with 1:1 correspondence and understanding that the last number we say is the value of the set. We are learning to use the language more, less and equal. We are then learning to count on to find the difference between two amounts. We use lots of practical resources to support the children developing this concept.

We will be learning how to use both standard and non-standard units to measure. We will be learning how to double amounts up to 10.

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Literacy:

We will be continuing to follow the Monster Phonics programme and will be learning more phase 3 digraphs this half term. We are also developing our sight recall of High Frequency Words to improve children's fluency in reading. We have weekly guided reading sessions where we will use monster phonics books to build on the phonemes we learn each week.

We will be exploring a range of fairy tales and look at their traditional openings, characters and how they end. The children will practise using this fairy tale language in retelling fairy tales.

Expressive Arts and Design:

We will be focusing on being imaginative and creative. We will be exploring different types of music and responding to them based on what we can hear and whether we like them. The children will be creating dances for their fairy tale ball learning to move in time to the music, how to side step and spin. The children will also be able to use props when retelling fairy tales.

Further information to follow on:

- World Book Day on Thursday 2nd March
- Fairy Tale Ball on Thursday 9th March.
- Science week 13th March
- Comic Relief is on Friday 17th March
- Whole school Easter Bonnet Parade on Friday 31st March

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back after the half term break. We are excited about the run up to Easter and have lots of exciting things planned for this half term, including our fairy tale ball, world book day, science week and the Easter Bonnet Parade.

Reading: The children are asked to read for 15 minutes daily – you should record their reading daily and we ask you to sign their Reading Record every time you hear them read. We also use the reading record to record reading at school, so please make sure that it is in the school bag every morning. This is one of the best ways you can support your child and their learning at school.

Homework: We will continue to send a selection of home learning activities for you to enjoy with your children via Marvellous Me. These are linked to their learning at school this half term and you can choose which you would like to complete each week. These should be enjoyable for your child and enrich their learning. You can add photographs onto their online Learning Book or send anything in.

Big Talk: We will be using Big Talk to develop our speaking skills, which in turn help us with writing. Topics of conversation will be sent to you all via Marvellous Me each week. Please spend some time talking with your child about this topic– they should aim to ask as many people in your family as possible!

Learning Book and Wow Moments: Please do add information about your child and photos to Learning Book to let us know your child's achievements at home, the children enjoy sharing these with their friends at school. If you need any further details for how to log in, please contact the office at admin@peartreespring.herts.sch.uk.

Please have a look at the Year R page on the school website. You will find curriculum information and photos of class activities. If you have any questions or concerns at all, please do not hesitate to speak to one of us.

Kind Regards,

Miss Aulsberry, Mrs Massey, Miss Himsworth