

Literacy

Over the Autumn term, we will explore a range of fiction and non-fiction texts related to Where our food comes from. We will learn key vocabulary and BSL signs related to our topic as well as everyday words we use frequently. Children will have opportunities for 1:1 reading, small group stories, story sacks, story massages and interactive stories linked to our topic. We will explore different writing materials and tools to support us with our mark-making. We will take part in daily phonics sessions to explore different sounds in our environment both in class as well as listening walks around school. We will also learn about letter sounds and practice our letter formation.

Personal Social Emotional Developmental

PSHE Autumn 1: 'Self awareness'

As we settle into our new classroom, we will learn about the changes and new systems as well as routines for the year. Through our daily routine we will be ensuring pupils show kindness and respect to one another and will encourage turn taking and sharing. A key focus this half term is self-awareness. Over this half term students will begin to label and recognise the members of their family and learn to become as independent as possible in feeding, self-care and getting dressed for outdoor play.

RSE Autumn 2: 'Self-care, support and safety'

During this term We will be supporting the pupils to recognise what their strengths are and celebrating these. We will also help them to identify things they like and don't like. We will learn about things we can do at home, school and in the community to keep safe as well as how to keep safe when using technology. We will explore how to communicate our feelings as well as express our points of views. We will build on our independence skills and learn how to ask for help when needed.

Squirrel Class

Autumn 2025

Where does my food come from?



Understanding the world/Science

In science this term we will be linking closely to our topic. Pupils will be exploring plants and learning the different parts of a plant while discovering foods that grow on plants. We will also be exploring animals including humans, discovering how they support where our food comes from. As part of this we will explore the range of diets humans eat.

After half term we will also be accessing exploring cooking, pupils will be able to use their knowledge of foods to create fruit salads and vegetable soup.

Multi-Sensory Curriculum

Some children in Squirrel Class will be following a Multi-Sensory Curriculum. Children will have access to a range of activities in small focus groups as well as activities in class alongside their peers. When in focus groups, children will engage in activities including: listening walks, music sessions, communication groups, physio sessions, story massages and sensory stories. All activities will be tailored to suit individual needs and targets.

Mathematics

We will explore the concept of number through number rhymes, counting through practical activities and creative play, as well as ordering, and sequencing numbers. We will explore one to one correspondence through engaging learning activities. We will discover and sort different shapes and colours highlighting what makes them the shape they are, linking nicely with our topic. We will explore the concept of money and engage in exchange of money for items in our role-play shopping sessions.

Physical development

Children will have access to a range of equipment and activities to support their individual physical needs and development according to their physio programs and EHCP outcomes. Our sensory circuits, PE and outdoor gym sessions will focus on developing our gross motor skills. During the first half of the term, we will be developing our target skills and in the second half we will be developing our dance skills. Individual pupils' physical therapies including rebound and Hydro will continue throughout the week.

Expressive Art and Design

In Art and DT, we will be making, exploring a range of different foods and their textures alongside tasting and learning about them.

We will take part in weekly music sessions with Annie; we will explore instruments and music from various cultures, while exploring how to play these instruments and learn about beat, rhythm, tempo and volume.