



Mersey Park Half Term Overview



Autumn 2 Foundation 2

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will continue to reinforce Mersey Bear's rules which keep us happy and safe when we are in school.

We will model positive behaviour and continue to highlight behaviour which is exemplary, clearly explaining the reason to the children.

We will talk about being kind to each other and learn how we can support each other.

We will play lots of games which involve listening, co-operation and sharing.



Physical Development

We will practise putting on our coats and outdoor clothing independently.

We will begin to explore how we can keep ourselves healthy, for example we will explore how we wash our hands thoroughly. We will also find out about the benefits of healthy food and exercise and how to keep our teeth healthy.

We will learn to use space, to travel in different ways.

We will take part in lots of different fine motor activities to help to develop an effective pencil grip.



Literacy

We will be teaching the children to begin to recognise and write their names. During our daily Phonics sessions the children will be learning oral blending and segmenting. They will also learn to recognise graphemes (written sounds). Children will begin to blend sounds to make simple words. Guided Reading sessions will develop the children's book handling skills.

Children will read a range of books and will begin to develop their understanding of words/letters.



Communication and Language

Throughout this term we will be developing the children's listening skills, encouraging them to follow simple instructions. Through shared stories the children will join in with repeated refrains and predict events. They will also be learning new vocabulary, for example, through talking about night-time and finding out about Diwali. We will continue to encourage the children to speak using complete sentences, building up sentences using new vocabulary.



Mathematics

We will learn the days of the week and begin to develop the children's language relating to time. We will practise counting with increasing accuracy, representing numbers with our fingers, marks and also with pictures and numerals. We will learn to subitise small quantities in both familiar patterns and in random arrangements.



Understanding the World

We will begin to understand that people have different beliefs and celebrate special times in different ways when we find out about Diwali and Christmas. We will talk about nocturnal animals and people who work at night. We will plant some bulbs and observe them as they begin to grow.



Expressive Arts and Design

We will be enjoying learning new songs and rhymes. The children will be using their imagination in our role play area including retelling the story 'Whatever Next'. They will join in with Indian dancing during our Diwali week. Children will also use paint for printing and make collages.

