Great Gaddesden Church of England (VA) Primary School

Early Years Autumn 2 Curriculum Overview

Communication and Language

Through the topics the children will continue to develop their speaking and listening, answering questions and increasing their vocabulary and practising their use of tenses. The children will practise answering 'why' questions with relevant answers.

Physical Development

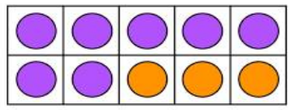
Linking with our topic and art activities, children will continue to develop their fine motor skills through cutting, using pipets, pencils and pens. In PE, children will have an introduction to dance skills and linking movements together. They will develop balancing skills and team games. On a Tuesday afternoon, Early Years will continue to have a PE lesson delivered by a Sports Coach.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

The children will continue to develop their listening skills and taking turns in conversation. They will show the importance of listening to others. The children will start to find solutions to conflicts they may have, for example to use a timer to share resources.
In Jigsaw PSHE lessons, children will celebrate the differences and similarities between themselves and their friends.

Mathematics

Through the White Rose scheme, the children will look at Circles and triangles, numbers 1,2,3,4 and 5 and shapes with 4 sides. They will continue to use their subitising skills and say what they notice and what they see and be introduced to tens frames.

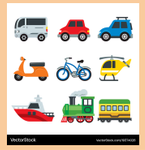


Celebrations/Transport/Nursery Rhymes

NB: Our curriculum is flexible to allow for the children's interests and fascinations and to be able to respond to the children's different needs.







Literacy

Reading and writing skills will continue to be developed through the teaching of Little Wandle Phonics and used within their play and other activities in the classroom. The children will start to bring home reading books to share their new found skills with family members. Early writing using initial sounds and attempting CVC words will be encouraged and developed in a variety of topic related situations and contexts including making story maps, picture labeling and Drawing Club.

Understanding of the World

The children will notice and discuss the seasonal changes from Autumn to Winter.
They will learn about Christmas and why Christian's perform nativity plays at Christmas.
ildren will learn about other winter festivals including Remembrance Day, Diwali and Bonfire
ght are celebrated around the world. We will discuss with the
children how they are similar or different to how they celebrate. When focusing on fireworks celebrations the children will also learn about to keep safe around fires and at night. During their Transport learning we will discuss road safety.

Expressive Arts & Design

The children will continue using and exploring colour and collage materials and select appropriate colours in their art work. They will also look at Wassily Kandinsky – Circles and Triangles to get inspired for their own creations. The children will also use different techniques to create firework pictures. They will also learn basic junk modeling joining techniques to create vehicles. Children will plan role play activities and develop themed areas including Santa's workshop. Singing, clapping rhythms and movement to different types of music is explored in various ways including using resources from Sing Up and topic related songs.

Trips/Enrichment

- Grandparents Afternoon (Friday 6th November)
- Pantomime (Tuesday 8th December)
- Early Years Nativity (Tuesday 15th December)
- Christingle Service (Friday 18th December)
- A Hedgehog will visit the class, thanks to Oliver's Grandma's organisation! (tbc)

Values

November	Courage
December	Hope

"Treat others exactly as you would like to be treated yourself" Luke 6:31