

Expressive Arts & Design

Art

We are learning all about mixing colours and learning how we can create secondary colours from primary colours. We will be exploring how to make different shades and using a range of paints to help us, such as water colours and powder paints.

DT

We are learning all about attaching different materials together. At first, we will look at joining, linking and attaching paper and progressing onto attaching boxes, tubes and paper to make models. If you have any spare cardboard boxes from home, such as cereal boxes and cartons, kitchen roll tubes and yoghurt pots, please do bring them in, to enhance and develop our creative area.

Physical Development (PE)

Our 'Move with Max' PE sessions have an 'Up in Space' theme. To begin, we are going to become comfortable performing different shapes and rolls. We will continue to develop or balancing skills when creating shapes and put shapes together in a simple routine.

Lots of games to encourage moving in different ways and at different speeds will develop our skills in travelling and spatial awareness. We will progress onto throwing objects to a target.

Special times in the year naturally lend themselves to learning opportunities in Early Years. In February, we will be talking all about the feeling of love. We will share who is special to us and why, enjoy lots of stories linked to this theme and enhance our learning areas. We will be creating Valentines Day cards, demonstrating our fine motors skills and colour mixing and our playdough area will be enhanced to encourage lots of imaginative play, talk and creativity. Chinese New Year is also approaching! We will demonstrate our skills in linking paper to create Chinese dragons and puppets and will learn all about this celebration.

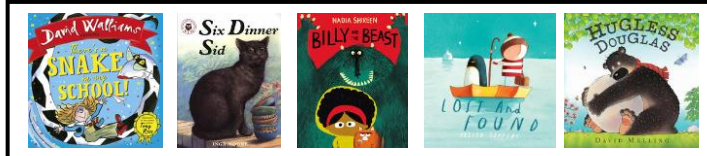
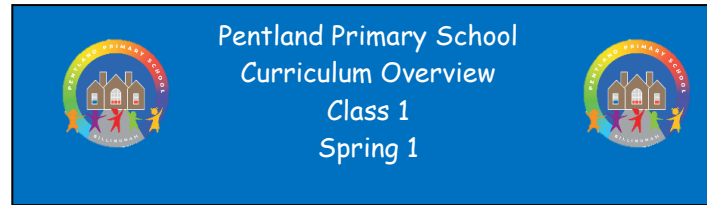
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Understanding the World

We are going to be exploring lots of different materials and their properties. Through practical experiments, play and stories we will use lots of new vocabulary and scientific sentence starters to talk about what we notice and what materials are suitable for different things. We will look at what materials are waterproof and keep us dry, which are strong and sturdy and which objects are magnetic. We will enjoy exploring floating and sinking and melting and freezing too. Our natural world around us will help us to explore the season of Winter and as we approach into early spring, we will learn about changes we can see around us.



Literacy

Reception children will continue to consolidate and embed their phonics learning through our Read Write Inc programme. Your child has been grouped according to how they're progressing, making sure that their daily phonics session is targeted for their personalised learning and next steps. Children have the opportunity to review sounds, learn new sounds and blend to read and spell words each day, with some of our children now reading simple captions and sentences. Please remember that learning to read is not a race. Lots of praise, repetition and opportunities little and often will all help to support your child in early reading.

We will share lots of stories this half term too, focusing on vocabulary, retelling stories and using these to inspire our own writing. Endless opportunities in our learning provision to mark-make, form letters, label pictures and write simple captions will promote confidence in writing too!

Reading at home

Thank you for patience with your child's home reading books and records. I have gathered all reading books and records in and your child should now be bringing home a reading book that is matched to their phonics learning in school. Your child may have another reading activity to complete, such as revisiting sound cards and using these to blend or simple sentences on paper to read. It is so important to try and read home at much as you can. Little and often is key to help your child with learning to read.

RE

We will be exploring holy books together and sharing stories that Jesus told. We will read Jesus and Zacchaeus, Jesus and the Lost Sheep and Jesus and the Calming Storm. As Shrove Tuesday (pancake day) approaches, we will look at the Christian preparation for Easter (Lent)

We will explore the celebrations of Lunar New Year.

Mathematics

This half term in Mathematics we will be exploring number 5-10. This includes finding, representing, identifying 1 more and one less than a number, composition of the number and addition and subtraction.

When learning about addition and subtraction, children will become confident in the concepts of adding more and making numbers bigger and taking away to make less, making numbers and quantities smaller. They will be learning the mathematical symbols for adding and taking away and understanding equal means the same, to balance out number sentences. Lots of practical maths in play will help to embed these fundamental number concepts.

Naturally, we will be immersed in numbers greater than 10 and will always strive to push our learning on, however it is so important that children have number concepts embedded to be able to progress.

We will explore everyday mathematical problem solving too, applying our learning of addition and subtraction.

We will be continuing to embed the days of the week, sequencing these and recalling these each school day.

Reminders: Please remember to provide your child with a water bottle each day so that they can stay hydrated. As always, should you have queries, worries or questions, please do not hesitate to catch me on the door. If I can't answer there and then, or you need a longer appointment, we can arrange that together. Thank you all for your continued support.