Learning Letter – Orca Class

My Communication

Communication and Comprehension

- Spring 1-Poetry: Monster Poems
- Spring 2-Fiction: Traditional Tales and Fables-Stories from other cultures
- Weekly reading comprehension
- 1:1 reading
- Daily phonics or guided reading lessons
- Writing/ spelling / vocabulary

Communication will include:

- Using symbols/ signing
- Topic specific vocabulary displayed as 'Star words'.
- · Repetitive phrases.
- · Speaking in full sentences.
- · Initiating interactions with peers
- Making comparisons
- Following instructions. Giving instructions and directions.
- · Role Play.
- Small world play
- Writing and mark making
- Using manners in the classroom and around school
- Making requests
- · Answering higher level questions e.g why, how

Ways you can help your child:

- Encourage communication
- · Encourage use of sentences.
- Encourage role play and imaginative play
- · Encourage writing and mark making
- Revise phonics sounds
- Share a story or listen to them read

My Body

Physical Education

- Spring 1- Dance and swimming
- Spring 2- Multi-skills games (net)
- Gross motor skills development in Forest school- running / jumping / hopping / skipping / co-ordination / throwing / obstacles / catching
- Fine motor skills- fastenings / pegs / cutting / sticking / writing / colouring / drawing / building / foam / Playdoh / kinetic sand

In dance we will be learning simple routines to music which reflects different emotions. Every other week we will also get to learn a different style of dance from different cultures and countries. In spring 2 we will be doing multi-skills games with a focus on net games.

Ways you can help your child:

- Playdough activities
- Visit parks and playgrounds
- Ride bikes/ scooters
- Building activities
- Playing in the garden e.g trampoline
- Encourage getting dressed and doing fastenings independently

My Independence

Skills for Life

- Spring 1-Road safety
- Clothes 2- what to wear, is it clean?

Community visits

Local community visits to the park, shops and bakery.

Ways you can help your child:

- Let them help you make lunch or dinner
- Encourage them to pick out their own clothes at the weekend
- Visit new places together

Anything your child does send in photos for us to share with the class!

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Religious Education

Judaism

PSHE / RSE

- Spring 1- Belonging to a community
- Spring 2- Bereavement and loss-change to family life

Cultural Development

 School values-innovate (linked to Science week)

Ways you can help your child:

- to share on dojo so we can share it in class
- Discuss who helps us in the community
- Encourage them to be more independent with self-care at home
- Visit or look online at a synagogue
- Ask them what they learnt at school today

My Cognition

Maths

- Spring 1- Fractions
- Spring 2- Shape

We start of the term with revising calculations from last term. We will then start to learn about fractions starting with equal parts, wholes, halves and guarters. In Spring 2 we will be learning about shape. We will learn about names of shapes, sides, corners, angles and patterns.

Science

- Spring 1- Evolution and inheritance
- Spring 2- Rocks

 Praise kind behaviours at home and feel free We will be learning about light including what is a light source, shadows, reflections and be carrying out a range of investigations. In Autumn 2 we will be learning about sound, all about the ear and how sound travels.

Computing

- E-safety
- Photography

History

• Royal Monarchy with focus on Henry VIII

Geography

Land use

Ways you can help your child:

- Ask them what they learnt at school today
- Go out and take pictures and send them into school to share
- Do your own topic specific research

My Creativity

Art-sketching, portraits

- Sketching: tone, creating texture, observation drawing
- Portraits-self and others, realistic and abstract

Music-Royal music

- Renaissance music
- Renaissance instruments
- Fanfares
- Trooping of the colour
- Coronation music
- Marching music

Ways you can help your child:

- Encourage drawing, painting, sketching using different materials
- Modelling
- Do your own topic research