

LEARNING LETTER - CORAL CLASS (AUTUNM TERM 2024)

Coral Class will be working with the ASDAN Towards Independence program, which provides a flexible framework for students with special educational needs (SEN). This program helps students develop personal, social, and independence skills. The different modules focus on practical skills such as daily living, personal development, communication, and vocational abilities. This program is integrated alongside other subjects linked to the National Curriculum, ensuring a well-rounded educational experience that supports both academic and life skill development.

<p>MY COMMUNICATION Communication and Literacy <u>Autumn 1:</u> We will explore the book <i>The Wizard of Oz</i>. We will learn about the author, L. Frank Baum, sequence the story, and complete character names and descriptions. We will also examine the emotions experienced by the characters throughout the story. In reading, we will practice identifying and using features of 20thCentury Fiction texts.</p> <p>ASDAN - Starting Out. ASDAN - Developing Communication Skills: Sensory (Communicating through Touch). ASDAN – Developing Communication Skills: Introduction (Speaking and Listening in my Centre).</p> <p><u>Autumn 2:</u> We will continue to develop our reading, writing, and communication skills, applying these to everyday functional contexts. We will also focus on report writing, learning to organize ideas, find simple facts, and write clear sentences to share information.</p>	<p>MY BODY Physical Skills <u>Autumn 1:</u> We will focus on Football Dance, combining fitness with fun movements. We will learn about the importance of stretching and practice warming up and cooling down to keep our bodies safe and strong. We will use fitness circuits to build stamina, balance, and overall fitness. Along the way, we will develop both gross and fine motor skills. These activities will help us stay fit while improving our football dance moves.</p> <p><u>Autumn 2:</u> We will focus on Sensory Fitness, integrating circuits that blend fitness with engaging, sensory-based movements. We will emphasize activities that stimulate different senses while building physical strength and coordination.</p> <p>Ways you can help your child:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Take a walk or go for a jog to stay active. 	<p>MY INDEPENDENCE Skills for Life <u>Autumn 1:</u> We will focus on Waste Management, learning how to reduce, reuse, and recycle to take care of our environment. Also, we will be cooking a different meal each week, which will help us continue improving our cooking skills and learn about making healthy choices in the kitchen. Additionally, we will have swimming sessions every week, helping us build confidence in the water and improve our swimming techniques.</p> <p><u>Autumn 2:</u> ASDAN - Meal Preparation & Cooking Sensory (Hygiene). We will have swimming sessions every week.</p> <p>Ways you can help your child:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recycling at home, sorting recyclables like paper, plastic, and glass by setting up a fun recycling station.
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<p>ASDAN - Developing Communication Skills: Introduction (Speaking and Listening using Technology).</p> <p>ASDAN - Developing Communication Skills: Sensory (Communicating through Sound).</p> <p>Ways you can help your child:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Enjoy stories together. - Explore <i>The Wizard of Oz</i> and work on understanding different emotions. - Enjoy reading nonfiction books together, using the index to locate specific information. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Practice gross motor skills like throwing, jumping, and running. - Stretch different parts of your body using the techniques learned at school. - Watch a child-friendly yoga video and try out some of the moves at home. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Water safety pool rules, recognize safe swimming areas, and never swim alone. - Encourage your child to practice good hygiene in the kitchen, such as washing their hands before handling food, to build healthy habits during meal preparation. - Spend time in the water, play simple games, and gradually introduce swimming skills.
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MY COMMUNITY

Personal Development

Autumn 1: In Cultural Development, we will explore Mental Health and Wellbeing by engaging in activities like emotion journals, role-playing, mindfulness exercises, and group discussions, all inspired by the stories *Find Your Happy* and *The Princess and the Fog*.

Autumn 2: We will focus on self-care, support, and safety by practicing how to handle emergency situations.

Autumn 1: In PSHE, we will focus on self-awareness by identifying our own and others' personal strengths and skills, fostering a positive environment of mutual support and encouragement.

Autumn 2: We will work on relationships and families by exploring different types of relationships and learning effective communication skills. This will help students develop empathy, respect, and understanding of supportive relationships.

Ways you can help your child:

- Encourage your child to keep a daily emotion about how they feel, helping them reflect on their emotions and wellbeing.

MY COGNITION

Digital Literacy/ Maths/ History/ Geography/ Science

Autumn 1: ASDAN - Using ICT and Multisensory Experience.

ASDAN - Developing Numeracy Skills: Introduction (Taking Part in a Sports Activity).

In History, we will focus on British history, learning simple ideas about Queen Elizabeth I of England, such as her being a strong and influential queen.

In Science, we will focus on electricity, circuits, cells and batteries.

Autumn 2:

ASDAN - Using ICT in the Home.

ASDAN - Developing Numeracy Skills: Introduction (Measure, Shape, and Space: Art).

In Geography, we will focus on Recycling, learning how it helps protect the environment and how different places manage waste around the world.

In Science, we will focus on the Human Body, Health, and Disease, exploring how lifestyle choices can affect people's health.

MY CREATIVITY

Autumn 1: Sound, Rhythm and Music (Making sounds with your body).

Autumn 2: ASDAN - Craft Making

Ways you can help your child:

- Encourage your child to clap, stomp, or snap to create different rhythms, helping them explore sounds with their body.
- Set up simple craft projects using everyday materials to let your child express their creativity and practice fine motor skills.

<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Practice Emergencies scenarios like calling for help or fire drills to build their confidence in emergencies.- Ensure they know their address, how to dial emergency services, and when to seek help from trusted adults.- Talk about your child's strengths and ask them to notice strengths in others to build self-awareness and appreciation.- Discuss the trusted people in your families and friendship outside of school.	<p>Ways you can help your child:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Read simple stories or watch short videos together about Queen Elizabeth I, discussing how she was a strong and influential queen.- Let your child explore simple circuits at home with batteries, bulbs, and wires to safely learn how electricity works.- Sort waste at home, separating items into recycling and non-recycling bins, and explain how this helps protect the environment.- Encourage healthy habits at home to help them understand how lifestyle choices affect their health.	
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