Spring Term 1 – 2025

Learning Letter – Penguin Class

My Communication

Communication and Literacy

Poems on a theme – Poems about the senses
Read through different types of poems and discuss them using symbols or communication boards to support you.
Begin to write own poems linked to senses.

- Identify senses in the story
- Begin to identify rhyming works or similes
- use colourful semantics or a word bank to support sentence building / writing a poem

Ways you can help your child:

- read different types of poems which include senses to your child, ask them to identify the senses within the poem and ask them simple comprehension questions about what was said
- explore your senses through a range of different activities, identify what sense is being used and when

My Body

Physical Skills

Gymnastics – balance

- Engage within activities which encourage balancing in different ways (making shapes with body, standing on 1 foot, balancing along beam, climbing)
- Engage with playground equipment (balancing on scooter, balancing on trike / bike, balancing on beam, balancing on climbing frame)
- Develop gross motor skills through sensory circuits
- Develop fine motor skills thorough funky fingers
- Develop balancing skills at forest school through climbing

Ways you can help your child:

- Encourage your child to engage in balancing activities (balance on cushions, balance along a small wall, balance on 1 foot, balance a egg on a spoon, balance on bike / scooter)
- Encourage your child to engage with playground equipment, model how to use specific items within a playground and ask them to copy you
- Encourage your child to engage in some funky finger songs on YouTube
- Take your child out for a walk, encourage them to balance safely on things around them (a small wall, a log)

My Independence

Skills for Life

Cooking - cold snacks

- Follow instructions to create a cold snack
- Develop chopping / mixing skills
- Explore different fruits and vegetables
- Tidy and clean away once finished in the cooking room

Ways you can help your child:

- Encourage your child to try some of your favourite cold snacks, talk with them about what ingredients are in them
- Create some cold snacks with your child, then encourage your child chop / mix ingredients and then to clean up after themselves

My Community

Personal Development

PSHE – World I live in – Belonging to a community

- Begin to recognise what is meant by 'community'
- Engage within tasks which encourage being part of a community (sharing interests, helping each other, team work, being out in the community safely)

Cultural Development – School Values – Innovate

- Begin to identify that 'innovate' means being creative and coming up with new ideas
- Engage in a range of different activities which encourage develop creativity / building / making skills

Ways you can help your child:

- Talk to your child about your local community, identify
 key features within your local community which makes it
 special
 Explore / follow different types of ma
 Ways you can help your child:

 Engage within different digital cause
- Go to key events happening within your local community
- Encourage your child to be creative, work with your child to build / make something, discuss what you have made and discuss what you like / dislike

My Cognition

Digital Literacy

Making Things Happen

- Make things happen on a music app by creating a piece of music
- Make a beebot follow a set of instructions

Maths

Number - Place Value

- Identify numbers as a whole and part (recognising a ten and ones)
- Identify numbers on a number line, missing numbers, numbers more / less than

Working World

Science - Space - Earth and Beyond - Day and Night

- Begin to identify key features of space
- Begin to recognise how day / night is created and activities we do in day / night time Geography – Maps, Atlases and Globes
- Explore / follow different types of maps, become familiar with an atlases / globe and identify key places

Engage within different digital cause and effect objects / games, encourage your child to make things

- happen
- Engage in number activities, encourage your child to count / group objects and identify / partition / sequence numbers
- Read stories about space, go to a local museum / themed day around space identify planets you can see and how day / night is created
- Create a simple map to your local shop, encourage your child to follow it
- Go to a place which has a map, encourage your child to help you find your way to key places on the map

My Creativity

Creativity

Composing, Playing and Performing

- Listen to music within a favourite clip, identify how it makes you feel
- Explore and play with different instruments, begin to follow instructions such as 'go', 'fast', 'slow'. 'stop'
- Copy and create a simple beat using instruments
- Perform a short piece of music to a muted clip to create tension

Ways you can help your child:

- Listen to different types of music, identify how the music makes you feel and what you can hear
- Use musical instruments or other objects you can find to create music, encourage your child to follow simple instructions and copy a simple beat – perform this to someone in your family or along to a favourite clip on mute