# **Learning Letter – Orca Class**

#### My Communication

## Communication and Comprehension

- Summer 1-Non-fiction: Information texts about pets
- Summer 2-Poetry: Classic poems
- Weekly reading comprehension
- 1:1 reading
- Daily phonics lessons
- Writing/ spelling / vocabulary

#### Communication will include:

- Using PECs/ 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
- Using sign supported English

## 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

- Summer 1- Cheerleading using jumps, lifts and balances and Multi-skills games (fielding and striking)
- Summer 2- Athletics
- 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 cheerleading we will be working on different types of movements to music. We will be developing our musicality, learning new balances and lifts.

## Ways you can help your child:

- Playdough activities
- Visit parks and playgrounds
- Ride bikes/ scooters
- Building activities
- Playing in the garden e.g trampoline
- Dance with them
- Make up cheers with them
- Play football and other fielding and striking games
- Play range of songs for them to listen to

### My Independence

#### Skills for Life

- Summer 1-Cooking: European countries
- Summer 2- Travel: Road safety, using transport

## **Community visits**

Community visits to our local area including the park, bakery, local shops, duck ponds etc

## Ways you can help your child:

- · Let them help you at home with cooking
- Use public transport together
- Visit new places together

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

## **My Community**

## **Religious Education**

Islam

#### PSHE / RSE

- Summer 1-The world I live in: Respecting people's differences
- Summer 2- Changing and growing: Changes at puberty

## **Cultural Development**

Diversity and Pride

### Ways you can help your child:

- Discuss people's differences and how it is good to be different
- Share and discuss different points of view
- Answer questions about personal changes and how we can change when we grow up
- Do physical activities with them weekly
- Visit a local Mosque or look at some online
- Ask them what they learnt at school today

### **My Cognition**

#### Maths

- Summer 1- Statistics
- Summer 2- Geometry

We will be working on using different ways to represent data including tally charts, pictograms, block charts, bar charts and line graphs.

#### Science

- Summer 1- Light
- Summer 2- Animals and Humans: moving and growing

We will be learning about what light and dark is, how light travels, light sources and reflectors. In Summer 2 we will be leaning about how animals grow and change just like we do!

### Computing

- E-safety
- Finding things out, inputting and analysing data
- · Digital imagery: cropping and editing

### History

• Travel through time

### Geography

• Contrasting England and France

## Ways you can help your child:

- Ask them what they learnt at school today
- Do your own topic specific research

## **My Creativity**

## Design and Technology

- Planning and designing junk models
- Vehicle junk models

#### Art

- Learning about sculptures
- Sculpting using different materials
- Different artist focus each week

## Ways you can help your child:

- Encourage building, drawing, designing
- Discuss cars-what do they need? How do they move?
- Make your own sculptures or junk models at home
- Do your own topic research

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