

Explorers Curriculum Outline Term 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our pupils have now settled well into the Explorers class, learned their routines and are growing in confidence as they progress through the year. This term, we look forward to taking part in Hallowe'en, Guy Fawkes Night and Christmas based activities.



Health and Wellbeing

Our gym days are **Wednesday and Friday**, and gym kits can be kept in school. Thank you to everyone who has already provided these. This term, our PE lessons will focus on developing key movement skills, including **speeding up, slowing down and balancing**.

As part of our learning about **emotional and mental wellbeing**, we will continue to develop our understanding of emotions through the **Zones of Regulation**. We will also practise using appropriate coping strategies and developing positive social behaviours.



Literacy



Reading - This term, pupils will use individual reading books to develop their **decoding, accuracy and reading fluency**. Pupils will also take part in **reading comprehension** activities, to develop their understanding of texts they read or listen to.

Writing - Our focus this term will be on **descriptive writing**, using adjectives to add detail to our writing. We will also continue to develop key writing skills, including the correct use of **capital letters, finger spaces and full stops**.

Talking and Listening - This term, we will develop our communication skills by practising **taking turns to talk, asking questions and answering questions** in group situations.

Numeracy

This term, we will be developing the children's understanding of **addition and subtraction**. Pupils will practise mental addition and subtraction facts and solve problems using concrete materials and pictorial representations. Some pupils will also be developing their understanding of matching, organising and sorting.

Broad General Education

This term, our learning will focus on the IDL topic of **Space**. We will explore the solar system, space travel, life in space and the moon through a range of activities.

We will also take part in a variety of **Hallowe'en and Christmas activities**, using these celebrations as contexts for learning across different areas of the curriculum.

Expressive Arts

This term, we will be performing in front of an audience as part of our Christmas show.

Music - We will focus on developing our singing, exploring musical patterns and building confidence through performance.

Art and Design - Pupils will create a range of artwork inspired by seasonal and topical events.

Dance - Pupils will explore creative movement and use dance to express thoughts, feelings and ideas.