**Understanding the world**

What is a family?

The half term we will be focusing on who we are, who our families are and describing a special family event or celebration. We will be looking at photos of our families and describing them to our peers. We will also be learning about monkeys, linked to our story ‘Monkey Puzzle’.

**Communication and language**

We will be focusing on improving the children’s listening and attention skills. We will be -

* Listening to a wide selection of stories.
* Listening to others in small groups or one to one.
* Developing an understanding of simple concepts such as big/little.

**Expressive Arts and Design**

We are going to be learning and experimenting with colours and creating rainbows. We will also be choosing appropriate colours for the animals linked to our story of ‘Monkey Puzzle’ and finally creating a self-portrait of ourselves using paint.

**Physical Development**

Initially, we will be ensuring the children have the skills and capabilities to be independent. We will be focusing on the children toileting themselves, feeding themselves, washing hands and helping to put on their own coat. We will be able to focus on the children doing big and small movements to aid writing.

**Music**

This half term the children will be encouraged to find their singing voices and to explore other vocal sounds. They will learn a repertoire of simple songs that they will become familiar with. They will have experience of putting actions to songs and moving to a pulse. We will also be singing a large variety of nursery rhymes and songs throughout the nursery day.

**Maths**

During our Maths sessions, we will be focusing on Identifying and naming primary and secondary colours, matching and sorting objects by shape, size or colour, comparing objects by size and categorising big and little.

Counting will be covered throughout the nursery day, which includes rote counting, counting on fingers and counting objects.

**PSHE**

This half terms focus is ‘Being Me’. We will be learning about:Who am I?**,** how am I feeling?**,** my school family**,** gentle handsandcreating our Nursery charter.

**RE**

We will be learning about special people and what makes a person special. The religions we will be focusing on are Christianity and Judaism.

**Literacy**

Our story focus this half term is Monkey Puzzle. We will be learning new vocab linked to the story, learning about the characters and using words to describe them. We will be encouraging the children to make marks in the environment and to begin to give meaning to them. To end the topic, we will be creating a lost poster for monkey, using the describing words collated over the half term.

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