



Stanhope Primary school

Medium term plan

Year group: Reception

Term: Autumn 1

Topic: I spy with my little eye...

Prime Areas of learning

Communication and language

We are learning to listen carefully and not interrupt when others are speaking. We are learning to follow instructions, including two-step directions, and to remember the main events in stories. We are also learning to take part in conversations with adults and friends, asking questions, answering simple “why” questions, and making sensible comments. We are learning new words and using plurals and different tenses as we talk about our ideas and experiences.

Physical development

We are learning to move in different ways, including walking, running, and jumping, and are developing good balance and coordination when using equipment and playing with others. We are learning to climb safely on the climbing frame, ride trikes and scooters confidently, and use tools like brooms, spades, and brushes. We are also learning to use scissors to cut lines, hold a pencil with control, copy letter shapes, and draw figures, while showing a preference for our dominant hand.

Personal, social, emotional development

We are learning to recognise and talk about our feelings, such as happy, sad, angry and worried. We are becoming more confident in the classroom and are learning to follow the rules and daily routines. We are learning to manage our personal needs, including using the toilet and remembering to wash our hands. We are also learning to play with others, take turns and share, while building friendships and talking to adults to share our ideas and news.

Specific areas of learning

Literacy

We are learning to enjoy stories, rhymes, songs, and poems, and to talk about books using story words. We are learning about print, including how books work and that print has meaning. We are learning to recognise our name, hear sounds in words, rhyme, and blend simple words. We are also learning to write letters, some words, and our name to show what we want to say.

Mathematics

We are learning to count and recognise numbers to 5, understanding that the total stays the same no matter how objects are arranged. We are learning to subitise small amounts, match numerals to quantities, and use the language of more, same, and different when comparing objects. We are also learning to order numbers, identify shapes, talk about size, and continue simple repeating patterns.

Expressive art and design

We are learning to use different materials to create pictures and patterns, joining materials together and making lines, shapes, and continuous marks. We are learning to explore paint, collage, and cutting with scissors, and to use drawing tools with control. We are also learning to be imaginative experimenting with instruments and taking part in pretend play.

Understanding the world

We are learning to talk about how we have grown and to describe our family and the relationships within it. We are learning about the people and places around us and exploring our local environment. We are also learning to notice changes in the natural world, including the weather, temperature, and features of our surroundings, and to use words to describe what we see and experience.