

Reception : Magical Journeys

1. Key Vocabulary

Communication, Language and Literacy:

Author—the person who writes the book/story

How—question word to ask about something

These—referring to something specific

Those—used to identify something specific

Describe—to give detail on something/someone

Because— used to explain your reason

Personal, Social and Emotional Development:

Respect—a feeling of admiration towards others

Choice—to choose between different possibilities

Behaviour—how you behave around and or to others

Argue—sharing different views in an angry way

Agreement—when you think/feel the same way about something

Diurnal— during the day

Mathematics:

Equals - Being the same in quantity, size, degree, or value.

Recent - Something that happened in the very near past.

Heavier - Having a weight that is greater than that of another object.

Least - The smallest in size or amount.

Altogether - The sum or whole amount.

Understanding the World:

Camouflage—to hide or disguise a person/animal

Predator—an animal that preys on others

Pollution—when the environment is harmed by substances

Melt—change from solid to liquid

Planet—a celestial body that orbits the sun

Nocturnal— during the night

Expressive Arts and Design:

Idea—A thought or plan about what to do

Process—A series of stages towards an end result

Effect—It gives you an idea of what something may look like or be like

Control—to exercise restraint or define a movement

Detail—to give lots of information on something/one

Observe— to look closely

2. Curriculum Knowledge

Our topic this half term is '**Magical Journeys**'. In this topic the children will visit different parts of Earth and broaden their knowledge outside of 'London'. The children will explore these different environments and habitats through stories, activities, videos, role-play and images. Children will find out about the time when dinosaurs inhabited the Earth and place it on a simple timeline. They will learn about space and the planets in our Solar System. We will compare these environments, as well as Antarctica, the ocean and the rainforest and the Savannah with our local surroundings and identify their location on a map of the world.



	Enterprise	Communication	Well-Being	Possibilities	Environment
Drivers:	We will organise a fundraising event in order to sponsor an endangered species.	Understanding different genres of books including poems and nonfiction.	We will develop a sensible attitude to screen time as part of our sleep routine.	We will look at the careers of astronauts, palaeontologists, environmentalist and more throughout this topic.	We will make posters to raise awareness of the importance of looking after our planet and make a recycled art project.

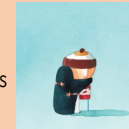
3. Communication & Language

Children will be learning words of the week across all areas; Literacy, Maths, Understanding the world, PSED and Art. They will have ample opportunities to use these words throughout the week during practical activities and continuous provision. With a strong link to literacy, children will listen to and talk about our new book of the week to build familiarity and understanding. They will learn to story map and retell the story orally and with actions. Children will be supported and encouraged to use new vocabulary in different contexts, develop social phrases and speak in full structured sentences. This half term, children will be further introduced to rhyme, listening carefully to rhymes and songs, paying attention to how they sound and predicting what the rhyme will be. Children can also suggest nonsense rhymes, find more rhyming words and make their own rhymes. We will continue to have circle time sessions during the week where children will learn new vocabulary and be given the opportunity to apply this in day-to-day conversations.



4. Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This term we will be focusing on how to express our feelings and consider the feelings of others. This will involve activities such as using role play to think about how characters in our core text stories feel. We will also be thinking about how we build constructive, respectful, and positive relationships. Children will talk about how they and others show their feelings, talk about their own and others' behaviour, and its consequences. Children will have the opportunity to discuss who is special to them, what makes us unique and what makes a good friendship and kindness. This will involve Expressive Art and Design activities where we discuss strategies to help us work as a group such as listening to each other and finding compromise. We will also be looking at how to show resilience and perseverance in the face of challenge. This will involve activities where we can read a range of poems and express an opinion to describe our favourite. Children have an opportunity to recite a poem out loud and to peer and self-reflect themselves and their peers performance.

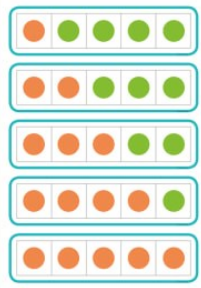


5. Physical Development

Children will work towards progressing a more fluent style of moving, with developing control and ease. In PE and outdoor activities, they will develop overall body strength, coordination, balance and agility needed to engage successfully with future physical education sessions and other physical disciplines. Children will use scenarios related to space for example, moving around a spaceship and balancing, jumping and going through tunnels. To support this theme, children will practice moving slowly like an astronaut, fidgety like aliens and moving like different planets. They will also revise and refine the fundamental movement skills they have already acquired: rolling, walking, jumping, running, hopping and skipping. Whilst confidently and safely using a range of large and small apparatus indoors and outside, alone and in a group. To develop their small motor skills children will use a range of tools competently, safely and confidently. Children will practice using their DT skills to make props to use while retelling stories. We will focus on holding a pencil correctly using a tripod grip. We will begin to learn how to form letters, using the Nelson handwriting scheme.

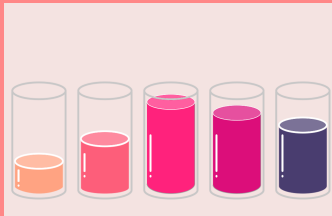


6. Mathematics



This term we will be consolidating the children's knowledge of 5. We will introduce zero, compare numbers to 5 and explore the composition of 4&5. We will then move on to numbers 6,7 & 8 considering their composition and using

these numbers to explore making pairs and combining two groups. Children will also use vocabulary to talk



about and compare height, length, weight and capacity. Children will continue to develop their understanding of time and how time is measured in days, weeks and months.



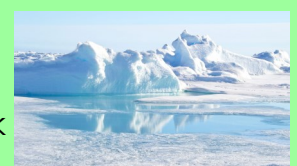
7. Literacy

Each week the children will be introduced to a focus text that will be used as the context for learning that week. The children will be transported to different worlds such as Antarctica, Space and Jurassic to name a few. Key vocabulary will be introduced weekly and the children will be exposed to both fiction and non-fiction text around the learning environment to provide them with opportunities to use these words in context. Children will continue to apply their phonic knowledge and learn to read key words by sight; in addition, a love for reading will continue to be developed through discussion, role play and interactive activities. The children will be encouraged to transfer their phonic knowledge by demonstrating their ability to write words and developing their ability to write simple sentences. Children will be supported to express their thoughts in full sentences, use the appropriate vocabulary and give relevant responses to "what", "where" "who" and "why" questions.



8. Understanding the World

To develop our understanding of the world this term, we will be looking at a range of habitats around the world and contrasting them with where we ourselves live. We will discuss the different animals you can find in each place as well as the changing climates and environments! We will begin to learn about pollution and the harmful substances that damage our world and think about what strategies we could employ to look after the planet.



9. Expressive Art and Design



This term to develop our artistic skills we will be using a range of materials to represent the different habitats, plants and animals that we will be exploring. We will use paint, collage, junk-modelling, hand printing and paper-mâché just to name a few! The children will also express themselves through music and dance. To further explore the sounds, sights and feelings created within each real or imaginary world.

