

## Communication & Language

We do lots of talking and listening in Butterfly class! This half term the children will particularly be learning to listen and contribute as part of our class group. We will be learning to wait until it is our turn to speak so that everyone gets a chance to hear what is being said. The children will also be using language to build relationships with new friends and adults as well as within the context of their play.

## Literacy

All children will enjoy listening to stories on a daily basis. We will have a book of the week in addition to sharing a variety of other texts with the children and each week we will be selecting a few 'wonderful words' from these texts to extend vocabulary. We will be very busy introducing the children to the letters of the alphabet and teaching them to read and write them. We really value your support in doing this as we will be asking the children to be 'sound detectives' and bring things in from home which begin with each of the sounds we are learning. More information on this and the other ways in which you can support your child's learning will be shared shortly.

## Physical Development

There will be lots of opportunities for developing physical skills through play in the Early Years' Garden on a daily basis. The children will also take part in our daily 'Squiggle while you wiggle' and 'dough disco' sessions which help children develop the skills and co-ordination needed to be successful movers and writers. Reception children will also have two adult led PE lessons each week. On Mondays we will be enjoying a yoga lesson and on Fridays we will be developing fundamental movement skills. Children should come to school dressed for these lessons each Monday & Friday in a t shirt, jogging bottoms / leggings or shorts if it is warm enough with their school jumper or cardigan on top. Fine motor skills will be developed through a range of activities in the classroom. The children will be changing into their wellington boots at least twice each day for outdoor play and so you can help your child at home by encouraging them to be independent in taking their shoes on and off.

## Personal, Social & Emotional Development

Reception children have weekly circle time sessions when we will be talking about how to make new friends and follow the routines of the classroom. Our class teddy bear Ed Ted always joins us for these and helps us to know when it is our turn to speak and when it is our turn to listen. Most of our PSE work however occurs as we support the children in building relationships and solving problems in the course of our school day.



## Understanding the World

We will be beginning our programme of Nature Explorer sessions which engage the children in learning about the natural world around them. This term in these lessons we will be learning about rainbows, sticks, mud, owls, darkness, leaves and snakes. We will also be noticing what happens as the seasons change. The children will be talking about past events in their own lives and those of family and friends through our weekly show and tell sessions. We will send a message each week via text or Tapestry to let you know what the theme for this is.

## Butterfly Class - Autumn 1 Curriculum Grid



## Maths

Lots of our Maths in Reception happens in the context of play and in this way children develop knowledge and skills appropriate to their stage of development. In addition to this we have a short adult led Maths focus each day and in these sessions we will be exploring matching, sorting and pattern making. We will also be looking at early numbers and how they are represented and learning to recognise, name and describe some common 2d shapes.

## This half term our topic is called Bears

We will be basing our learning around the familiar theme of teddy bears as we settle into a new school year. We have lots of fun activities planned including a bear hunt and a teddy bear's picnic and we can't wait to share them with you all!

## Expressive Arts & Design

Lots of our craft activities will be based around the theme of bears. We will be drawing and painting bears, making junk model beds and chairs linked to Goldilocks and exploring using a range of different media and materials to represent the stories we have heard. In Music we will be singing lots of songs and rhymes about bears as well as learning to play simple percussion instruments to accompany music. Children will engage in role play connected to some of the stories we are reading. In the role play area we will be enjoying a teddy bear's picnic and later in the term a 3 bears cottage

