

Personal Social Emotional Development



In our Jigsaw lesson, we will be learning about the importance of using kind and encouraging words. We will talk about how unkind words can make others feel and explore how our words have power. The children will be encouraged to choose kind words to help others feel supported and valued.

Expressive Arts & Design



In our independent learning we will be using a range of media to create artwork linked to our topic of Asia.



Communication, Language and Phonics

In phonics this week we will be learning the new phonemes **air** and **er**. Our new tricky words will be **are**, **sure** and **pure**.

We will be continuing to revise all of the phonemes we have learnt so far and use our listening and literacy skills to help us with reading and writing CVC words.

Physical Development



We will explore our indoor and outdoor learning environments, developing and consolidating gross and fine motor skills.

In our woodland session this week we will be exploring painting with mud. We will be mixing different amounts of water with soil for different consistencies and using sticks and leaves as our paintbrush.

Literacy

In shared reading we will be looking at non-fiction texts about Asia. We will discuss the differences between fiction and non-fiction and looking at features of non-fiction texts e.g. photos, headings, contents page, index page and diagrams. Perhaps you could see if you can spot any of these features in non-fiction books you have at home.

What do you know about Asia?

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Maths



This week in maths, we will be developing our ability to recognise quantities without counting (subitising) by exploring dot patterns, including dice arrangements. We will practise seeing smaller groups within larger numbers and describing what they notice. We will also be representing numbers in different ways, recognising numerals to 5, and playing dice-based games that link numbers, quantities and counting order.

Understanding of the World

This week we are learning all about Asia. We will be locating Asia and Europe on a world map and a globe and looking at some of the countries that make up Asia. We will make comparisons between England and some Asian countries such as India and China. We will discuss what can be similar and different about them e.g. types of food, landscape, clothing, climate and landmarks.