

Aspen



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Spring Term 2 Wild Weather

Literacy

We will be continuing to practise our phonics and reading, building our knowledge of letter sounds, as well as recognising and blending sounds to make simple and complex words. We will also be focusing and engaging with these stories: 'The Owl Who was Afraid of the Dark' and 'Three Billy Goats Gruff'.

My World

In Purple, we'll be looking at shadow and light, including where light comes from and how shadows are made. We'll also be looking at the sea and tides, as well as the Earth, Moon and Sun and how they're in space. In Orange, we're continuing to look at different weather; what it's called, what we should wear and how it makes us feel.

Communication and Language

Between our lessons, we will take part in various different activities that enable us to communicate how we feel, as well as sharing and taking turns with others. This will include learning through play.

Learning for Life

In cooking, we'll be making a variety of different savoury and sweet dishes. As part of this, we will be working on how to cook hygienically and how to use equipment correctly.

Numeracy

In Purple class, we will be working on measuring in cm and m. We'll use different objects and methods to help us understand, and it will link nicely to our My World topic of shadow and light; and we'll be looking at position and direction. We'll also keep reinforcing all of the work we've done on addition, subtraction, multiplication and division in the Autumn term. In Orange class, we'll be continuing to count to larger numbers, as well as working on our colour and shape recognition.

Myself and Others

In purple, we will be looking at staying safe online, as well as how to use the computer to make a word document and find safe pictures. In Orange, we will be looking at what makes a good friend, different emotions we might feel.

Music

We will explore different types of music we might like, as well as how music makes us feel. All of our music will be linked to different types of weather, so it supports our My World topic. We'll also use a variety of different instruments to see if we can work on our rhythm, pitch and pulse.

Creative Me Art

We will be learning to use paper mâché to make models, as well as continuing our exploration of different materials and textures, relating it back to our Wild Weather topic.

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Physical Education

In Orange, we will be focusing on our balance, coordination and agility, using outdoor activities to support us. We will also be looking at working together and problem solving wherever possible.

In Purple, we'll be working on a variety of team-based games to help develop our turn-taking, problem-solving and communication skills.

How you can help at home

Please keep taking your children out as much as possible and giving them new experiences.

Reading with them or to them will support word recognition and sounding, as well as encouraging them to use their fine motor skills

- drawing, painting, mixing, playing with playdough - whenever it is safe and appropriate. If you need any work or reading books, please let Katie or Josh know. Any questions, please also feel free to ask!