

Curriculum News

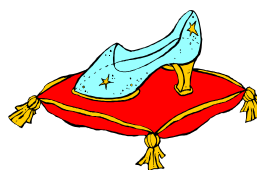
Queen Eleanor Nursery - Spring 2008

Personal and Social

We will start this term working with our existing children to make our new children's first experience of nursery positive and happy. We will be looking at setting goals for ourselves and working together co-operatively to achieve them. Later in the term we will be studying ourselves in a topic called 'Good to be me'. We will also be studying Chinese New Year, St David, St Patrick, Passover and Easter.

Language and Literacy

We will spend this term continuing to enjoy stories together, looking in particular at Cinderella, Jack and the Beanstalk, The Little Red Hen and The Ugly Duckling. We are also going to have a pirate week. We will continue to learn our letter sounds using the Jolly Phonics songs, and practise our emergent writing.



Numeracy

Our numeracy focus will start with revising our numbers and counting. We will then start looking at relative sizes and lengths. We will also be using directional clues to find treasure. Later we will move on to weight and reinforcing counting while introducing more than and less than.

In all areas we will try to move the children's thinking on by setting problem solving activities.

Knowledge and Understanding of the World

We will start the term looking at winter including ice and snow, how it feels and how it changes. We will move on to growing things. After half term we will be looking at Spring, growing things, mini-beasts and growing up. We will be continuing our monthly walks around the school grounds to see how they change throughout the year.

Physical

We will hopefully be able to access our outdoor area increasingly frequently as spring approaches and so will be able to spend more time practising our sports skills outside. During our hall time we will be dragon dancing, learning a hornpipe, playing lifeboats, trying to move according to prepositions, hatching and growing. We will also continue to work regularly with the parachute.



Creative

During our art sessions we will be trying to improve our powers of observation through the use of a painting window for still life drawings.

In music we will be continuing to follow the Teaching Foundation Music sessions. We will be combining subjects by painting with colours suggested by a piece of music. In cooking we will be making fairy bread, cottage loaves and chocolate nests.

