

Prime areas of learning

Personal, Social and Emotional

On-going:

- Kindness to others
- Developing relationships – in accordance with individual plans and as a group
- Self-awareness and self-control - in accordance with individual plans and as a group
- Managing own behaviour - in accordance with individual plans and as a group
- Social interaction at snack, lunch and play times

Communication and Language

- Listening skills
- Attention skills
- Speaking skills in accordance with specific individual programmes, supported by SLT as appropriate
- Development of skills using electronic devices to support language and communication in accordance with individual programmes
- Enjoyment of sound games, rhymes and stories – integration with 'Letters and sounds' phonics scheme

Physical Development

- Fine motor skills: using hand gyms as appropriate, developing finger and hand strength through dough play, puzzles, threading, using instruments such as tweezers, grabbers, pegs, peg boards, small construction materials and small world play
- Developing mobility skills in accordance with individual programmes
- Using large and small balls to develop gross motor skills
- Health and self-care in accordance with individual programmes, encouraging independence when dressing, eating, sharing snack etc.

Spring Term Overview Birch Class From: January 2019 To: April 2019

Themes/Interests

Spring 1:
Traditional tales

Spring 2:
Animals

Class Books:
Three Little Pigs
Little Red Riding Hood
Jack & the Beanstalk
The Gingerbread Man
The Enormous Turnip
Hansel and Gretel
Sleeping Beauty
Rapunzel
Pinocchio
Rapunzel
Beauty and the Beast
Cinderella

Information, fiction and non-fiction books to be chosen from the library and explored throughout the Spring term.

Specific areas of learning

Literacy

- Sharing news
- Letters and Sounds
- Development of mark making skills – see Fine Motor Development, Physical
- Early reading skills to include sharing and reading books, library books etc.
- Character analysis, and development of own characters

Mathematics

- Counting and number recognition skills
- 1:1 correspondence
- Matching and comparing
- Sorting and ordering
- Measurement – weight
- Scales and balance
- Identifying, continuing, replicating and creating 'pattern'

Understanding the World

Learning about:

- Healthy eating
- Materials and their properties
- Identifying and classifying animals
- Grouping by characteristic
- Caring for animals

Expressive arts and design

Pupils will engage in a variety of music, art and design activities linked to the topics and themes explored. This includes creative sessions dedicated to cooking, healthy lifestyles and wellbeing.