



Elston Hall Reception Spring Term 2024

Welcome back after the Christmas break. We hope that you had an enjoyable and restful time.

Spring term will begin with our new topic – 'Let us Play', before moving onto 'Jurassic Park.' We will use this as a basis for planning each area of the curriculum where possible. Our learning will see us explore our own and different people's beliefs as well as the similarities and differences in people's lives around the world. We will also be learning more about the natural world around us.

Our work will include storytelling, model making and critical thinking. We will also be learning about celebrations including Chinese New Year and Easter. Our learning takes place through a mix of adult led and child-initiated sessions indoors and outdoors. The children guide our learning wherever possible.

Communication and Language

Across the curriculum, children will develop their speaking, listening and attention and understanding skills. They will listen attentively to stories, learn to follow instructions accurately and will learn to express themselves appropriately.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Through PSHE lessons and all areas of the Early Years curriculum, children will develop their skills surrounding managing themselves, self-regulation and building relationships. As well as separate PSHE lessons, children will use stories and Circle Time to explore their thoughts, feelings, and emotions.

Physical Development

Children receive a taught session of PE each week but have daily access to our outdoor classroom, allowing their gross and fine motor skills to be refined. The children will also improve their fine motor skills by taking part in daily fine motor activities such as cutting, threading and dough disco activities as well as daily handwriting practise.

Literacy and Phonics

Children will build upon their Autumn phonic knowledge and continue learning new phonemes as well as being introduced to new helpful words.

Children will continue to consolidate their learning from Phonics into their Literacy work by developing their writing skills through practising letter formation, word building and beginning to write sentences. The children will continue to be supported in their reading through whole class story time, whole class reading and individual reading.

Maths

As mathematicians in Reception, the children will continue developing their understanding of numbers to 10 through subitising and composition. They will practise counting in different patterns and will recognise numbers in their written form. They will begin to learn number bonds to 5 and 10 and recall number facts.

Much of our mathematical work will be practical, using apparatus such as cubes and small toys. The children will also learn about 3D shapes and will make comparisons between different measures.

Topic

Through all areas of the curriculum, especially topic, children will develop their knowledge of Past and Present, Culture and Communities and The Natural World.

Through our topic of Let us Play we will be learning all about toys and thinking about how toys have changed as well as different toys around the world. During our Jurassic Park topic, we will learn about the natural world exploring fossils and dinosaurs. Through all areas of the curriculum, children will develop their skills by exploring and using different media and materials and by being imaginative.