

Topic Overview for Blackbirds Class

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

- New Beginnings. Joining a new class & settling in. Making friends
- Classroom Rules: What are they? Why we need them?
- Celebrating our achievements both in & out of school. Learning Lenny
- Me and my relationships – talking about the special people in our lives, how we are all special and our feelings. Who can help me?
- RE: Special people – at home and at school. Learn about why Jesus and Moses are special to Christians and about some miracles from the Bible.
- Celebrate different festivals – Harvest and Diwali.
- Learning Lenny – share what they have taught Lenny.

Communication & Language

- Regular circle times for discussions and encouraging children to share ideas and listen to each other
- Individual & shared reading. Read & retell stories; The Enormous Turnip, Jack and the Beanstalk, The Little Red Hen. Read different versions of these traditional tales too.
- Retelling different traditional tales, role playing different stories with different props. Innovating different stories, retelling our own stories.

Physical Development

- Developing our fine motor skills through different activities e.g. threading, using tweezers, Lego
- Practical cutting out activities to develop scissor skills. Playdough disco
- Multiskills led by specialist sports coach.
- Indoor PE-Gymnastics; focusing on space and balance, ball skills
- Fortnightly welly walks/outdoor experiences

Traditional tales Term 1 2025

Literacy

- Introduction to Phase 2 phonics- S A T P I N M D G O C K C K E U R H B F F F L L L S S
- Write names
- Re-tell stories using props
- Start to blend phonics orally
- Sequencing of stories
- Simple recounts using finger puppets and spoons

Mathematics

- Recognise, count and order numerals to 5 and then 10.
- Begin to read & write numerals to 10.
- Sorting, matching and comparing objects.
- Begin basic addition through practical activities. Introduce the + symbol
- Recognise and name 2D shapes. Shape walks
- Compare and order objects by height/length
- Repeat pattern work

Understanding of the world

- FRENCH- Introductions/greetings, ask how someone is feeling and say how you are feeling and how to say name (lots of games and songs!). Meet Pierre the puppet!
- Planting beans, compare growth rates and measure growth.
- Looking at the changes in the seasons and the weather
- Making our own timelines, what we can do now and what we can do as babies

Expressive Arts & Design

- Making bread, turnip soup and blackberry crumbles
- Painting using natural materials
- Using different resources in our classroom
- Self portraits
- Making our own beanstalk