



### Literacy

#### **Comprehension**

All children will be bringing home a reading book—please make sure this comes into school each day. Children will be learning key pre-reading skills such as inference, understanding and retelling and learning new vocabulary based on the books we share.

#### **Word Reading**

Children will be beginning StoryTime Phonics where the Phonic Fairy will introduce phonemes to the class using a real story. She hand delivers a book and a new sound to us every day (along with some magic glitter!). Children will practise recognising these sounds in a 1:1 read with an adult in school every week.

#### **Writing**

Children are encouraged to write, mark make and draw at every opportunity! We love to practise forming our new sounds in different mediums such as glitter, shaving foam and generally getting messy :)

### Expressive Arts and Design

In our afternoon sessions, we will be painting, drawing, joining materials, cutting, exploring colours, using shapes and describing our work.

Our current role play area is a home corner for children to develop social skills and language through a familiar setting. They can play cooking, cleaning, looking after the baby and dog and watching the (pretend!) TV in here. Singing and rhymes happen daily and we have a music session on a Friday. This introduces children to songs from the past, encourages them to find a beat and teaches them songs and rhymes to sing.

## Long Knowle Primary School

### Our Learning Journey



#### **Our Topic is:**

#### **I Wonder What It Feels Like?**

Our first few weeks in Reception will concentrate on getting to know our new friends, environment and resources. We will be focusing about ourselves and our emotions and working on being sociable, kind, independent and confident learners.

#### **Personal, Social and Emotional Development.**

In Reception, we have lots of circle time activities where we will play games and talk about the importance of sharing, listening and being a good friend. We look at the things that make us the same and different and celebrate these. Children are encouraged to explore their emotions and feelings and work towards being self-assured and individual.

#### **Physical Development**

Reception children have P.E on a Tuesday morning, please make sure your child wears their labelled P.E kit to school.

Children will also have access to lots of equipment outside, such as bikes, balance bikes, scooters, climbing frames and tyres to develop their gross motor skills. We will also be practising small movements, such as using tweezers and playdough, threading, twisting and finger-painting to get our hands ready for writing.

### Maths

Maths is taught through daily Power Maths sessions. The characters Determined Dexter, Flexible Flo, Brave Astrid and Curious Ash teach the children these qualities through number.

We will be exploring the numbers that we use and can see in the environment. We will be counting, recognising, matching and working with numbers. It would be helpful if you could help your child recognise numbers to 5 and then 10 and practise matching quantities to these numbers.

We will also be looking at 2D and 3D shapes, colours, repeating patterns and measuring.

We will be using our outdoor space as much as possible by collecting and sorting natural materials, looking at pattern, exploring shapes and using positional language.

### **Understanding the World**

This term will have a focus on ourselves, our families, our houses and lives. We will be looking at how we celebrate different things, enjoy different things and are unique.

We will also be using our outdoor space to explore the changing seasons from autumn to winter and all of the things that this entails.