

Physical Development

The children will be developing their fine motor skills by weaving their very own hot air balloon baskets. They will also continue to practise letter formation through writing post cards from various countries that we will be learning about. Opportunities to handle tools safely and effectively will arise when creating and inventing.



Communication and Language

Introducing The Magic Balloon and other stories, the children will be challenged to recall key moments and to share their understanding of how and why a character might act. They will be encouraged to join in and discuss ideas with their friends

Literacy

In Literacy, the children will be reading many stories linked to places around the world. We will be introducing rhyming couplets and encouraging the children to identify the words that rhyme. We will continue to work on Phase 2 and 3 of 'Letters and Sounds' while also introducing new phonemes to the children through a range of games and activities including the 'Jolly Phonics' songs.

Understanding the World

As our theme is linked to travelling, we will learn about the world's continents, oceans, countries and capital cities and begin to compare them to our own. We will investigate habitats and the wild creatures that live within different climates.

As inventors we will investigate materials to find the ideal resources needed to create our hot air balloons. In addition, we will learn about some famous inventors who have created amazing things!

Our new CLJ Theme is: The Magic Balloon

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will keep discussing the 3 Golden Reminders this half term. The children will be encouraged to become more independent when choosing resources and activities. During circle time we will explore our feelings and the feelings of others and discuss ways to manage these feelings in a positive way.

Expressive Arts and Design

The children will be designing and creating their very own hot air balloons using a variety of materials and tools. They will also learn new techniques to weave, sew and collage. The children will have the opportunity to make and taste a variety of foods from other cultures. We will look closely at art from around the world and create our own work in a similar style.

Mathematics

The children will be learning how to say and order the months of the year. Our main focus in mathematics and computing will be length. The children will compare the lengths of different animals from all over the world. Throughout this topic, the children will be focusing on positional language to describe the location of an object.