Rotherfield Primary School — Year R — Term 3

Peake Class
Mrs Selby and Mrs Long

China, Castles and Dragons

Maths

The children will continue exploring numbers to 5, including subitising, finding one more and less and the concept of zero. We will move on to looking at numbers 6-8 in depth. We will explore mass and capacity, and begin looking at length , height and time which will continue into next term.

Personal, Social, Emotional Development

The children will further develop their relationships with peers and adults throughout this half term. They will think about the feelings of characters in their stories and discuss resilience, perseverance, differences and kindness based on these too. We will be celebrating our different characteristics using our My Happy Mind programme.

Literacy

In phonics, the children will continue learning to hear, say and read the sounds in words., with more focus on digraphs (two letters making one sound, eg 'sh').

They will continue learning to segment sounds to write words and blend sounds to read words and begin to use their new digraphs for this too.

Fine Motor Skills

The children will be continuing to work on their fine motor skills in readiness for writing. We will enjoy a weekly dough disco, and will practise using tools such as pencils, paintbrushes, chop sticks, scissors and cutlery.

Mrs Selby will also be teaching some basic woodworking skills to help improve their fine motor control.

Communication and Language

The children will be continuing to listen and respond to a rich variety of stories this half term, including The Magic Paintbrush and How to Catch a Dragon. We will be creating our own book explaining our ideas for dragon traps.

The children will continue listening and responding to each other and be encouraged to use new vocabulary learned through our stories too.

Gross Motor Skills

The children will be developing their gross motor skills on a daily basis through a variety of activities both inside and out, including dance, obstacle courses and balance bikes. They will also be having weekly PE sessions, with a focus on developing our core strength.

Understanding the World

We will be exploring China, looking at culture and community and comparing life in China with our own. We will also learn about Chinese New Year, comparing their celebrations with our own and exploring the story behind it. We will taste some Chinese food and compare it to British food.

Expressive Arts and Design

All our activities will encourage the children to explore and use different media and materials and be imaginative. The children will be: potato printing, using watercolours, making Chinese dragon stick puppets and masks, making their own dragon traps using outside equipment and junk modelling.