

Communication and Language

Children will build their understanding through sharing stories together, including favourites by Julia Donaldson such as Room on the Broom and the Oi Frog! series. We will enjoy songs and poems every day, encouraging children to join in, build new vocabulary, and grow in confidence when speaking and listening.

Literacy

Children will discover that rhymes can entertain and be fun. Through sharing a wide range of rhyming stories, they will explore how language creates humour and enjoyment. They will learn to create their own rhyming pairs using real or 'nonsense' words, adding illustrations to amuse the reader. Our daily phonics lessons support the development of early reading skills.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This half term, we will be focusing on safety. Children will learn about online safety and how to use the internet responsibly. We will also explore safety themes through traditional tales, helping children understand how to keep themselves safe and make positive choices in different situations.



Starfish Class Curriculum Overview: Spring 1

**Mrs Wells, Mrs Molloy Beck
and Mrs Gomulak**

SPELLING and READING

Please make sure your child has their reading record and reading book in school every day. These will be changed on a **Friday**.

Physical Development

Physical development is supported daily through a balance of gross and fine motor activities. Children build strength and coordination through climbing, running, and jumping, alongside fine motor tasks such as threading, cutting, and drawing. Each day includes a focused motor session with fun activities like dough disco and scarf dancing. A dedicated PE session takes place every **Tuesday** afternoon, so please ensure your child wears their PE kit.

Mathematics

In Nursery, children will explore numbers 1, 2, and 3, learning about position, simple routes, and beginning to recognise patterns. Reception children will consolidate their understanding of numbers 1–5 before progressing to 6, 7, and 8. They will also explore early measurement concepts, including capacity, length, and height, through hands-on, practical activities.

Understanding of the World

This term, children will explore the season of winter, observing how the natural world changes. They will discuss questions like, "How do the trees change?" and "What do animals do in winter?" Children will explore snow and ice, developing curiosity and observation skills.

Expressive Arts and Design

This term, children will explore the work of Claude Monet. They will create mood boards inspired by his art, then experiment with different creative mediums, including paint, oil pastels, and clay. Activities will be guided by Monet's water lily paintings, encouraging children to express themselves, develop artistic skills, and explore colour, texture, and shape in imaginative ways.