

What is my child learning at school this half term?

Lotus Class, Autumn 1



English, writing and reading

We will be exploring sounds, letters and early reading skills through sensory, tactile and interactive activities. Pupils will use a range of communication methods, including AAC, to engage with songs, stories, objects and mark-making linked to phonics learning.

We will be sharing the story *Perfectly Norman* and exploring themes of individuality, identity and celebrating differences. Through sensory storytelling, role play and communication activities, pupils will be encouraged to express preferences, feelings and ideas in their own way.

Pupils will explore simple information texts through engaging sensory experiences, photographs, symbols and real-life objects. They will practise finding information, making choices and communicating their understanding using AAC, gesture, signs and visual supports.



Science

Pupils will learn about different animals and explore similarities and differences between animals and people. Through sensory investigations, stories, videos and real-life experiences, they will develop their understanding of body parts, senses and basic needs.



History

Pupils will explore the concept of change through familiar experiences, photographs, stories and sensory activities. They will learn about changes in themselves, their families and the world around them, helping them to understand the passage of time.



Computing

Pupils will explore a range of technology used in everyday life, including switches, tablets, interactive screens and communication devices. They will practise making choices, solving simple problems and developing independence when using technology.



DT

Pupils will investigate a variety of materials using their senses and creativity. Through touching, manipulating, creating and experimenting, they will explore different textures, colours, shapes and properties while making independent choices.

RE

Pupils will learn about important people in their lives and communities. Through stories, discussions, photographs and communication activities, they will explore relationships, belonging and the ways people care for and help one another.

P.S.H.E

Pupils will explore their own identity, preferences, feelings and achievements. Through personalised activities, they will develop self-awareness, communication skills and independence while celebrating what makes them unique.



P.E.

Pupils will develop their movement skills through fun and engaging physical activities. They will practise balancing, moving, throwing, catching and coordinating their bodies while building confidence, participation and enjoyment of physical activity. P.E. will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays.



Music

Pupils will explore sounds through music, instruments, movement and sensory experiences. They will have opportunities to listen, respond, create and communicate through music while developing their attention, engagement and self-expression.

Home learning

Please support your child to communicate their wants, needs and preferences at home. You can do this by modelling and encouraging the use of their communication system, signs, symbols or gestures during everyday routines.

