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New City Primary School Year group: Learning Hub Spring Term 2024

Welcome back to school. This term we are doing some very interesting and exciting things. We are keen to encourage parents and carers to help in their child's learning at home and as such we are providing you with this overview of what we shall be teaching at school. We also value any resources that you can contribute related to any of our topics. We also ask you to help us by making sure that all homework is completed. If you have any queries please feel free to have a chat with us.

English	Maths	Science
<p>This term the children will be reading a wide variety of stories about animals and food and healthy eating. The children will find pleasure in sharing books with adults and talking about what they have read. The children will continue using Jolly Phonics to learn sounds and we will be working on blending sounds together to help read and write. A focus for the term is to ensure that children begin to talk about what they have written and marks they have made. Some children will be using colourful semantics to develop their understanding of sentence structure and to help them with their writing.</p>	<p>This term the children will continue using number rhymes and singing counting songs to reinforce their understanding of the value of numbers. We will be learning about adding and subtracting by practising adding and taking single objects one object at a time. We will also be adding and subtracting with money. Children will also be learning about halving and doubling numbers using concrete objects to help them find the answer. Children will be also be learning to find half of objects through food play e.g. find half of an apple. Throughout the term, we will also be ordering numbers, matching numbers to quantities and we will begin to recognise, name and describe basic 2D shapes and their properties.</p>	<p>As part of this term's topic the children will be learning about animals and their habitats. They will be learning about what animals need e.g. food and water and a safe place to live. They will be learning about the different places' animals live and what makes it their home. They will be learning about how different animals live in different places and need different types of weather to survive. Through stories they will be learning about what makes us healthy and different types of food. The children will be learning about a healthy diet and what kind of food to eat to make us feel healthy. The children will be learning about morning and bedtime routines and how to keep ourselves clean. They will also be learning about germs and how to wash our hands to help us be healthy.</p>
PSHE	Physical Development	Personal development
<p>This term they will be learning about emotions and how they make us feel as well as about how we change as we get older. They will be learning to name, recognise and match emotions. Children will be exploring books and looking at mirrors to explore their faces as well as copying facial expressions. They will be looking at how we change as we get older. They will also be looking at what we can do when we are babies and how that changes as we get older. The children will continue learning about our relationships. With our family and friends, we will be developing our sharing and turn taking skills with a range of activities and games.</p>	<p>The children have PE every Monday. This term we will explore different movements, repeating other's movements. Adult modelling will help children to learn key skills such as throwing and catching. The children will also be further developing their knowledge of numbers and shapes through the use of physical games. The children will also be developing their confidence in using a range of specialist equipment. In music they will be exploring instruments and singing a variety of action songs. They will also be exploring movement in music using instruments to help them to follow the pulse.</p>	<p>The children will be exploring their senses and building up their sensory tolerances. They will have the opportunity to explore a range of textures through messy play with paint, cornflour and other tactile materials. Within this sensory learning, pupils will be given opportunities to consolidate their literacy and numeracy skills by making marks and forming letters and numbers within the context of messy play. Children look at and experiment with a range of lights including torches and flashing toys. They will be exposed to a variety of foods and encouraged to touch, smell and eat them. Additionally, children will spend time each week on learning and developing key life skills, including brushing teeth, getting dressed and eating with cutlery independently.</p>
Computing	Communication	Expressive Arts & Design
<p>In Computing, children will be learning to access a range of simple age-appropriate apps on the iPad to support their learning of English and Maths and all the other areas of development and encourage their love for learning. We will also be exploring technological toys such as the 'Beebots' to explore positional language and programme them to follow directional instructions.</p>	<p>This term we will be developing children's communication through encouraging children to join in with stories. Children will be retelling stories using puppets and role play. We will also use group and individual core board sessions to develop communication. We will continue to encourage the use of core boards to communicate. Children will be developing their independence and to ask for help when needed.</p>	<p>This term we will be exploring a range of art materials using equipment and hands i.e putting hands in wet paint. Art activities will be repeated regularly, cutting, sticking, drawing, colouring etc. Fine motor skills will be developed by lacing, threading and making patterns. Children will also be playing with small world toys related to the book that we are reading that week. Children will also be joining in and singing rhymes, action songs and stories using characters and joining in with repeated refrains.</p>
Information		
<p>If you could please drop your child off in the morning at 8.30am at the Coronation Road gate entrance. We finish school at 2.50pm if you could please collect your child from the Learning Hub at the Coronation Road gate entrance.</p>		

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