



Sutton Park Primary RSA Academy Little Sparks Topic Web - Spring 1



Little Explorers!

Literacy

The children will be recognising environmental signs and logos through role play and exploring the school site. We will be setting you a 'Home Learning Challenge' with Eric the Explorasaurus (above) to develop the children's understanding of story concepts such as Who? Where? When? and What? Keep an eye out for him!

Physical Development

The children will be exploring different apparatus in gymnastics and learning how to use it safely. We will be practising our skills such as throwing, catching, kicking, balancing and jumping inside and out. We will be using play dough to music in 'Finger Gym' activities to strengthen our hand muscles. We will practise holding our pencils and paintbrushes with a tripod grip so that we can improve our control when writing, drawing and painting.

Communication and Language

Following the Home Learning project, the children will have the opportunity to talk about their adventures with Eric the Explorasaurus, using photos and props to aid their speaking and understanding. We will continue with our Marvellous Me boxes to encourage listening and questioning.

Understanding of the World

The children will be extending their understanding of home and their local environment. They will be able to talk about places that are special to them. We will look at a map of Kidderminster and try to identify places that the children know or have visited. We will be celebrating Shrove Tuesday and learning about how Christians prepare for Easter.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

To extend the Home Learning Challenge, each child will have the opportunity to talk about their favourite place to the group. Peers will listen and ask questions and we will compare similar likes and dislikes. The role play area will be changed into a Pancake Parlour as part of Pancake Day celebrations and to engage the children in exploring new play environments and develop interactive play skills.

Maths

The children will be able to sort objects by colour, shape and size and will use tally marks to find out which is our favourite pancake topping. We will be focusing on reciting numbers in order and 1:1 correspondence (saying one number for each object). We will be learning about similarities and differences in shapes in our environment and begin describing the properties of shapes e.g. tall or round or how many sides or corners (vertices).

Expressive Arts and Design

We will be exploring recyclable materials when junk modelling and learning how to fix things together to create a finished model. We are also hoping to have a visit from a local chef and will be exploring different ingredients when cooking.

Stories we will be sharing

- Harry and the Dinosaurs series
- Stomp, Chomp Big Roars Here Come the Dinosaurs!
- Colour Me Happy
- The Princess and the Wizard