Communication

Comet Class will learn about using their imagination to make-believe and develop their vocabulary linked to different stories. Through role play, Reception will be developing their speaking and performance skills as they pretend to be in their characters' shoes, describing their thoughts and feelings through drama activities like freeze frames.

Expressive Arts

Based on the observational drawing skills that the children developed during the spring term, drawing from props and still life objects, Reception will this term be applying their skills to a portrait project. Based on our PSHE Jigsaw topic around friendship and family, the children will be

drawing portraits in the style of a family photo. They will be using this project to refine drawing and pencil techniques such as drawing to scale, sketching and shading.



Understanding the World

As part of understanding the world, children will be learning about being members of a community, building relationships with their friends and people around them and the qualities that make a good friendship.

As part of their learning, Reception will be using directional and positional language as they get the opportunity to explore and use maps and directions as part of our topic focus.

Please Remember...

Please remember that children are not allowed to bring in toys from home. Please can you remind your child not to bring any toys from home (and maybe check their school bags and coat pockets if needed).

Please continue to encourage independent dressing at home in preparation for our swimming lessons (time/day TBC).

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Literacy

In RWI children will continue to move through the phonics programme with some children moving onto the next level of reading.

Children will be consolidating and learning their set 1, 2 and 3 sounds. Our phonics learning will be applied to in class literacy activities where Reception will get the opportunity to write for different styles of text for example, posters, instruction texts, speech and dialogue and letters.

We will continue to practice story telling through story maps and comprehension skills through story and circle time discussions.



Mathematics

This half term the children will be focusing on solving practical problems using their number bonds to 10. They will be given the opportunity to reason and choose the appropriate method (including the part-part who model, number line, 10s frame, and other concrete tools) to help them problem solve.

They will have lots of opportunities to consolidate their foundation mathematical knowledge using our games station, where they can continue to practice counting and subitising in their provision. There will also be new points of mathematical exploration in our role play area where the children can look at comparison, estimation and measurement.

Personal Development

Heading into the summer term, we are thinking about our independence as classroom learners. Reinforcing Halley House values, we will focus on changes in our behaviour and learning mindset as a result of us growing and maturing ready for the transition for year 1. We will be developing our independence as we start to near the end of our Reception year by taking more ownership and initiative for our learning, being less dependent on our adults and more confident when trying new activities.



Physical Development

As the weather grows warmer, we will continue to take our outdoor learning in Hackney Downs to help the class develop their gross motor skills.

Alongside continuing, their PE lessons, we also hope to start weekly swimming lessons for all Reception children very soon! Look out for details in the school newsletter.

How can you help at home?

Complete any home learning that is sent home. Continue to read with your child at home, play Fred games to develop sight and speedy reading, practise letter formation, red word spelling, spelling days and months of the year, name writing, counting and number writing, keep on reviewing numbers bonds to 10.