

### **Mathematics**

We have a well resourced classroom in order to help the children achieve the Early Learning goals for Mathematics. The children will learn lots of skills through short carpet sessions and through play. We will be covering the topics: time, money, shape, quantity, size, weight, capacity, distance, shapes, patterns and number.

### **Communication and Language**

Children's listening and attention skills play a key role in the Early Years. In order to help develop these skills we provide times to read to the children every day and have carpet sessions to share ideas. Understanding is an essential aspect therefore during free play children have to follow instructions to complete activities independently. The children also get plenty of chances to express themselves through role-play.

### **Understanding of the World**

This area of the curriculum covers Science, Technology, Geography and History. Many of the topics will explore different cultures, animals, and periods in history.

### **Literacy**

Literacy plays a huge role in the Early Years Foundation Stage. We prioritise reading and writing skills. The children have phonics lessons every day to learn their letters and sounds. We use the Phonics Bug programme at Woodlea. The children also learn first the 100 high frequency words in Reception. Children combine their phonic skills with writing in order to achieve the Literacy Early Learning Goal.

### **Personal Social & Emotional Development**

Confidence is essential in order for the children to blossom, therefore we provide an enticing and exciting setting where children feel comfortable to enjoy their learning. Alongside this they learn to develop good relationships with their peers and co-operation skills which are fundamental aspects of the school ethos.

### **Expressive Arts and Design**

Singing, dancing and role-play are key elements of the Early Years and children learn to develop confidence through taking part in these activities. Exploring different materials and forms of designs will develop children's imagination and their eagerness to explore.

### **Physical Development**

This aspect focuses on the children's fine and gross motor skills which include skills from using pencils and scissors to bicycles and blocks. Health and self-care are also key as the children need to learn how to take care of themselves through healthy eating and exercise.