The children will be encouraged to develop their confidence in speaking and listening, reading, mark making and writing through role play and use of small world toys and group activities. Imaginary and real life stories, linking with the topic will also be explored.

Reading and Writing skills (Read Write inc) will be developed through the teaching of Phonics and used in their play and other activities in the classroom. Early writing will be encouraged and developed in a variety of situations and contexts. Through the topic, children will be encouraged to develop their speaking and listening skills, including following instructions and listening to one another. The children will develop their vocabulary through exploring words relating to their senses.

This term we will be focusing on number, shape, space and measures. We will be using hands on, creative activities to explore these areas of mathematics. The topic will also give opportunities to develop counting skills, number recognition and working with numbers in practical contexts. Through exploring natural objects and woodland animals, the concepts of higher and lower can be explored. Through play, the children will use stories and other activities to develop their awareness of number in the world around them, developing counting and simple calculating skills. We will begin our daily 15 Minute Maths carpet time which covers all areas of the Maths curriculum in a way that is fun and interactive for the children.

In Reception, we will be creating a ‘friendship stop’ outside where children can go if they want a friend to play with. We will be introducing ‘Caring for teddy - Humphrey’. This will entail one child a week to look after the teddy and be encouraged to take pictures of their adventures over the weekend. We will have weekly circle times to allow and encourage the children to talk about their emotions, thoughts and feelings. We will discuss ‘Zones of Regulation’ which helps children to understand self-regulation. We will also take a trip around the school to meet people who are there to help them.
Understanding the World

Children will talk about some of the things they have observed, such as plants, animals, natural and found objects. They will look closely at similarities, differences, patterns and change as well as use simple computer software. We will be encouraging the children to comment and ask questions about aspects of their familiar world such as place where they live or the natural world. The use of beebots will further help children develop their knowledge of how to operate simple equipment.

Expressive Arts & Design

Children will explore colour and how colour can be changed. They will also manipulate materials to achieve a planned effect. Collage, painting, decorating, cutting and various other art techniques will be explored this term. Children will plan role play activities and develop themed areas. We will be creating autumnal pictures using leaves and autumn colours. Linking the topic on hearing, children will explore how different musical instruments make sounds. The children will be filling plastic containers with acorns, conkers, seeds and talk about the different sounds they can hear.

We will sing songs during regular music sessions, developing a sense of pulse and rhythm.

Physical Development

Linking with our topic and art activities, children will develop fine motor skills through cutting, sticking, using chalk, pencils, paint and pens etc. Through outdoor provision, they will develop body and spatial awareness exploring different ways of travelling and moving. In addition, the children will have a short fitness aerobic session and a circuit of physical skills each day.

PE in the Hall - Friday

Please provide a PE kit in a named bag - white t.shirt, navy shorts/leggings, plimsoles.

Additional Information

Homework expectations: The children will benefit from short, daily reading session at home. Parents are asked to discuss their child’s book with them and sign their home-school diary to evidence this. Children should also practise their phonics regularly so that they are able to recall learnt sounds and words in Read Write Inc. Once children are settled they will be given ‘weekend challenges’ to complete over the weekends.

Useful websites: www.topmarks.co.uk
www.bbc.co.uk
www.funwithspot.com

Visit the following website for a selection of great activities to do with your children in Barnet:
http://www.dayoutwiththekids.co.uk/things-to-do/Barnet

Forcoming events:
Meet the Teacher: Thursday 19th September 3:45 - 4pm
 ‘Bake Off’ challenge - Thursday 26th September