



THE BISHOPSWOOD SCHOOLS FEDERATION

<p><i>At Bishopswood, we offer a rich and diverse curriculum that engages all children. Enriched activities that motivate children, enhancing their life opportunities is something that is very important to us.</i></p>	
Year R	<p>Term – Spring 1 2026</p> <p>Aspiration 1 – Learning about how we have been celebrating during the holidays. Continuing to find out about different cultures and countries during Faraway Fridays.</p> <p>Aspiration 2 – Learning about seasonal changes and exploring winter poetry</p> <p>Aspiration 3 – Launching into inspiring children to follow their dreams through the book series “Little People Big Dreams” - focussing on artists and explorers</p>
Subject	Areas Covered
Learning Enrichment	<p>Poetry Week</p> <p>Outdoor Day</p> <p>Story telling week – Cosy PJ Day</p> <p>Internet Safety Day</p>
Personal, Social, Emotional development	<p>Continue to develop our understanding of where we belong in our community and the wider world through discussion, play and interaction with others.</p> <p><u>My Happy Mind – Appreciation</u></p> <p>Children will find out about being thankful for people, experiences and things around them. They will explore what is important to them. They will also build on thinking about their own character strengths and appreciate what makes them unique.</p>
Communication and language	<p>Developing our listening skills, discussing and listening to others in small and large group situations.</p> <p>Learn what a question is, how to ask questions and different ways to find out answers.</p> <p>Exploring new words and vocabulary from our brilliant books and drawing club.</p> <p>Learning new rhymes, poems and songs to share and perform.</p>
Physical development	<p>PE – Developing our skills of balance, strength and agility using the apparatus; and listening, turn taking and teamwork though games.</p> <p>Gross and fine motor exercises to strengthen our arms, hand and fingers to develop muscles for writing.</p> <p>Learning our ‘animal positions’ to help develop strong bodies for writing e.g. strong bear sitting, long lizards.</p> <p>Using our writing scheme kinetic letters – practice shape, letter formation and name writing.</p>

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Literacy	<p><u>Phonics</u> Learning a wider range of digraphs (2 letters that join together to make 1 sound, eg ur, ai, oa). Blending (reading) and segmenting (spelling) words with 3 sounds, eg map, top, dip. Moving onto words which contain digraphs (eg. ship, chop). Building on our knowledge of high frequency words (common words we see regularly in books such as the, was, she). Reading simple words and sentences. Orally composing simple sentences. Writing simple words (and sentences).</p> <p><u>Literacy</u> We will listen and join in with new and familiar stories, so that we can practise skills for blending (reading) or segmenting (spelling). We will learn new words and phrases to extend our vocabulary, composing sentences orally to help retell stories. We will practise writing CVC words and begin to write simple sentences.</p> <p><u>Drawing club</u> In Drawing Club, we learn new stories, traditional tales and animations. We focus on developing new vocabulary linked to each story, capturing children’s imagination and creating our own drawing, codes and creative ideas.</p> <p>Farmer Duck – story book Jack and the Beanstalk- traditional tale Funnybones – animation Dr Zargles Book of Earthlets – story book Little Red Riding Hood – traditional tale Poddington Peas – animation</p> <p><u>Brilliant books</u> – just brilliant books we love to read and repeat over the half term. The Gruffalo - Julia Donaldson The Everywhere Bear - Julia Donaldson The Tortoise and the Hare - Traditional Barry the Fish with Fingers - Sue Hendra Elmer - David Mckee Songs The Gruffalo and Other Songs – Julia Donaldson</p>
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Mathematics	<p><u>Maths focus</u> Introduce 0 1 more 1 less Comparing mass/ balance Time 4 sided shapes Length and height Counting Ordinality (understanding the order in which numbers come) Cardinality (how many) Comparison Composition (the different ways a number can be made up)</p> <p><u>Maths books</u> Zero the Hero Story Jack and the Beanstalk Titch Kipper's Toybox</p>
Understanding of the world	<p>Finding out about the changing seasons – exploring ice, frost and snow Learning about the different talents of artists and explorers around the world including David Attenborough and Jane Goodall.</p> <p><u>Far away Friday</u> – Banjo Robinson our exploring cat, will be visiting countries including Germany, Uganda and Japan bringing information back to the children. <i>Please let us know if you or your child has a particular link to a country that you would like to share with us.</i></p>
Expressive Arts and Design	<p>Learning about and enjoying different artists and musicians including Andy Warhol, Dolly Parton, Elton John and David Bowie Creating different role play scenarios in the home corner, in the builder's area and our role play florist. Practise and explore playing musical instruments, finding out about tempo and dynamics. Use a range of art and craft materials and loose parts to develop our own creations.</p>

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