

Broomhill First School



This half term's topic for the Little Owls is...



Friends Around the World



Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Children will be encouraged to talk and play with others to get to know their friends better. We will learn about ways to be a good friend and how to make new friends in class. Children will be encouraged to look at the similarities and differences between themselves and their friends. They will also learn about children from other countries and cultures as we think about ways that our lives are similar and different.

Physical Development

Children will develop fine motor skills by threading pasta and shaping dough to make pizzas as we learn about Italy. They will try using chopsticks like children do in China and they will use cutting skills as we make African animal patterns. Children will develop gross motor skills as they learn to move and dance in different ways to music from different cultures. They will have great fun becoming flamenco dancers as they dance with a partner!

Language & Communication

We will be learning some simple phrases and songs in different languages so look out for your child speaking to you in Italian, Spanish or even Chinese!



Children will learn lots of new topic related vocabulary and will be encouraged to use it in their role play.

Understanding the World

Children will learn about a range of different countries around the world. We will think about ways that communities are the same and different to our own. We will learn that some children in the world are not as lucky as us and have very different ways of life. We will also have fun trying different foods and fruits from around the world then deciding if we like them. **If your child has visited an exciting place in the UK or abroad, please send in any photos or artefacts so they can tell us about their travels/experiences.**

Please let us know if you have any cultural links within your family so we can incorporate this into our topic.

Mathematics

We will learn some counting rhymes and games from other cultures to help us practise our number knowledge. As children get more aware of the number system, they will practise saying the next number without counting from 1. They will continue with early addition and subtraction through practical contexts by adding and removing objects from a group. Children will also create repeating African and Aboriginal patterns with shapes and colours.



Literacy

We will enhance our topic with lots of interesting stories from other cultures. We will follow the life of a girl in an African village as we hear the stories of Handa's Surprise and Handa's Hen. We will use them to inspire our own ideas through story telling to help develop our language. Children will also be given lots of opportunities to mark make independently through role play as they take orders in the pizzeria or the Chinese restaurant.

Expressive Arts and Design

Children will create artwork and crafts from other cultures. We will explore different textures with sand painting and rock painting. We will get into the spirit of Africa by learning some simple African drumming beats and repeated rhythms. Children will also be encouraged to dress up in traditional costume to experience life in another culture. We will be making props for our role play areas too.

Wellies

As we encourage activities outside in all weathers, it would be great if your child had a pair of wellies in school. They can be kept under your child's peg in the classroom.

Spare Clothes

Please make sure your child has a spare change of clothes in school on their peg **at all times** in case of any accidents.

Lunch

Lunches cost **£2 per day / £10 per week**. Remember to send any lunch money in a named envelope and choose any lunch options a week in advance. Having a school lunch provides excellent learning opportunities for trying new foods, using cutlery and developing table manners. However, should you prefer to provide a healthy packed lunch instead, then please let us know.



Helping at Home

Talking - Talk to your child about where they live and see if they can learn their address. Talk about other cultures and ways of life.

Food - Encourage your child to try foods from other cultures and talk about where they originate from. E.g. pizza from Italy, curries from India, noodles from China and baguettes from France.

Rhythms - Play clapping and tapping games encouraging your child to copy and make up repeating rhythms. Count the claps/beats out loud together or see if your child can count them carefully in their head. Challenge your child to count out 10 claps by themselves, seeing if they can count and clap with good number correspondence.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to come and see me. Thank you for all the help and support you continue to give us. Thank you very much for reading this information letter.

Mrs Haves

