Greenfinch Class have made a wonderful start to their first term in Reception and we have some exciting learning adventures ahead of us!

This term, as well as focusing on settling into school, we will be learning key skills through our topic ‘Building the Future!’ Our key texts will be the traditional tale of ‘The Three Little Pigs’ and an alternative version of the story, ‘The Three Little Wolves and The Big Bad Pig’ by Eugene Trivizas. Exploring different materials will be our focus learning about The World. We will also build houses with a range of materials, tools and techniques.

We will be talking about ourselves and our families in People and Communities and learn about Harvest Festival and the story of the Nativity. We will also learn about The Great Fire of London, Bonfire night and receive a visit from the West Sussex Fire and Rescue Service as part of our work on people who look after us and keeping ourselves safe.

In Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED) the children will explore new activities and challenges, adapt to new routines and events as well as develop their listening, responding and explaining skills. As part of Physical Development we will be developing our fine motor skills with pencils and other mark making tools, and gross motor skills in PE lessons and through the use of our outdoor area.

In Literacy, we will explore rhyme, story language and the re-telling of stories through role play as well as giving meaning to mark making. We will also begin Phase 2 phonics after October half term.

In Mathematics we will be learning to count to 10 and beyond, recognising and matching numerals and quantity as well as focusing on counting objects carefully and saying the number names for each one. We will also be exploring shapes and their properties, and building and re-creating patterns.

The children will develop their computing skills through the use of technology and will be joining in with songs, actions and exploring a range of musical instruments and story-telling when Being Imaginative.

We will be making the most of our outdoor classroom and exploring the world with our senses in our mud kitchen, bug hotel, water tray and sand pit, and developing active learning and creative thinking. We also have the excitement of Christmas activities and The Nativity!

We always appreciate help in school so if anyone is able to come and read with the Reception children or volunteer in the classroom, it would be greatly appreciated! Please talk me if you are able to help. If you have any questions about this term’s topic or your child in general, please do not hesitate to contact me!

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