Literacy

The main focus in literacy will be on the children's confidence to orally compose and then record simple sentences with growing independence. We will spend a lot of time on 'talk for writing', working on developing the children's ideas and language before putting asking them to put these down on paper. They will be introduced to word mats which contain the key words to help their spelling. The classrooms have been set up to provide the children with opportunities to write independently and in many different scenarios alongside the work they will do with an adult.

Stories with familiar settings such as 'Not Now Bernard', 'The Tiger Who Came for Tea' and 'Where's My Teddy' will be read and explored with the children. The children will take on the roles of the characters and re-enact the stories. The non fiction work will focus on the children reading and writing lists and captions. They will also order words alphabetically.

The children will continue to receive reading books. It is very important that they can discuss what they have read and answer simple questions about each text to demonstrate their understanding- it is not just the mechanics of reading. You can support your child in this by asking them questions when reading with them at home. Who was in the story? What did they do? Did you enjoy the story? Why/why not? What do you think will happen?

Numeracy

The number work this term involves counting forward and backwards in steps of one or more, using a range of mathematical vocabulary, such as 'more than', 'less than' and reading and writing numbers 0 - 30 and beyond. The children will be encouraged to make estimates and to check their answers. Work on place value will begin by partitioning two digit numbers into tens and ones. The children will continue to work on their skills of addition and subtraction.

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Websites

Great websites to help your child's literacy skills http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/magickey/
http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/wordsandpictures/

Games for literacy and numeracy http://gamequarium.com/

Toys

http://www.parkfieldict.co.uk/infant/toys/contents.html

http://www.tynemouthtoymuseum.co.uk/

http://www.mape.org.uk/activities/BigBooks/MyToyBook/toys.htm

http://www.topmarks.co.uk/slideshows/victorians.htm

http://www.ngfl-

cymru.org.uk/vtc/how_toys_change/eng/Introduction/StarterActi
vitv.htm

Links to further sites about toys

http://www.schooljotter.com/showpage.php?id=55579