

The Dingle Primary School

Early Years Summary

In Early Years, we cover the seven areas of learning; Communication and Language, Personal, Social and Emotional Development, Physical Development, Literacy, Mathematics, Understanding the World and Expressive Arts and Design. We achieve this through both child-led play and play guided by an adult as well as some formal work based activities. We also use our outdoor area to enhance children's learning. Pupils have access to a range of activities within our provision on a weekly basis that covers all areas of the curriculum. Over the year we look to build your child's confidence and relationships, communication skills and vocabulary and independence. We also use the three characteristics of effective teaching and learning: Playing and exploring, Active Learning, Creating and thinking critically. A greater focus on teaching specific skills will occur as your child progresses through their reception year, which will help them to prepare for year one.

Autumn Term

Our Autumn term is all about settling your child into school, following structure and routine, making friends and developing listening and attention skills. Pupils will learn sounds and simple words to enable them to begin to read. They will listen to and enjoy a variety of stories, poems and rhymes. They will learn how to write their name and begin learning letter formation. During this term, pupils will use numbers to represent values up to 5 and solve simple problems and answer questions. They will have opportunity to explore scientifically, learn about simple relationships and express themselves through art, music and dance, and develop coordination, balance and strength in P.E. Pupils will take part in our Christmas Nativity, learning lines and songs.

Spring Term

During this term, pupils will build on their existing skills to focus for longer periods of time. We encourage resilience and perseverance when faced with challenges. Pupils will begin to read simple books, using their phonic knowledge and write simple words and phrases. They will have an opportunity to learn some traditional tales and begin to act out and create their own stories. During this term, pupils will focus on numbers within 10 and be introduced to simple addition and subtraction. Their own interests will be further developed as well as learning about their bodies, staying healthy, exploring colour and basic printing.

Summer Term

Our Summer term focuses on preparing for Year 1. We will continue to build on concentration and independence when working. Pupils will be able to read with some fluency, recognising more simple words by sight and be able to discuss what they have read. They will begin to write simple sentences, using their widening phonic knowledge. During this term, pupils will focus on doubling, halving and simple number facts. They will explore life cycles of living things and further develop an understanding of religion, especially Christianity and explore various themes through stories and learning experiences.

"The goal of early childhood education should be to activate the child's own natural desire to learn."
Maria Montessori