



Welcome to the Early Years Team at Grove Road Primary, whether you are joining us for the first time, or have been with us since Nursery. Our topic this half-term will focus on the children's favourite things including their family, friends, hobbies, toys, food, books, animals and the personal qualities that make them special and unique.

If you have any questions or would like to email me, please email the address below:

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Thank you
Mrs Griffiths

Gross and Fine Motor Skills

Children will begin to use their core muscle strength to achieve good posture when sitting on the floor or at the table.



They will begin to use tools and equipment carefully. Children will use pencils and other mark-making materials comfortably.

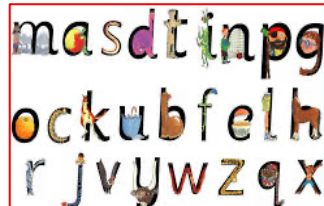
Communication and Language

Children are learning to listen to the adults and children in class. They will participate in carpet sessions, gradually increasing the length of time they remain focused on each activity. They will begin to join in with discussions and circle times, speaking in full sentences to express their ideas.



Writing and Reading

Children will begin to learn sounds in Phonics lessons. They will learn how to write the sounds and will begin to blend sounds together to read words. They will also begin to use sounds to make words using magnetic letters and in their writing. The children will listen to many stories and will begin to join in with familiar rhymes and phrases.



**Orange Class Learning Journey
Autumn 1 2024**

What Are My Favourite Things?



Mathematics

Children will begin to match and sort objects and pictures. They will learn about sorting criteria and think about different ways to sort a set of objects such as by size or by colour. They will explore and create patterns both inside and outside. Children will learn about numbers 1-5 and what each digit represents. They will count amounts accurately to 5 and compare amounts using the vocabulary more, fewer or the same.



Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Children are developing an awareness of themselves and are forming their own opinions. They are beginning to learn the classroom rules and are following these with some reminders. Children are becoming more independent at coming into school in the morning and getting ready for home time.



Expressive Arts and Design

Children will use and explore different materials, tools and techniques to design and create. They will be able to make models of their favourite toys, draw and paint self-portraits and portraits of their friends and family. They will learn various songs and sing them together with their friends. They will learn to move in response to music. Later in the term, they will do food technology activities when we explore our favourite foods.



Understanding the World

Children will talk about members of their family and community. They will recognise the differences between themselves and their friends (appearance, likes/dislikes, families). Children will discuss what makes them special. They will learn about different emotions and how these make us feel as well as how we can begin to regulate our emotions.

