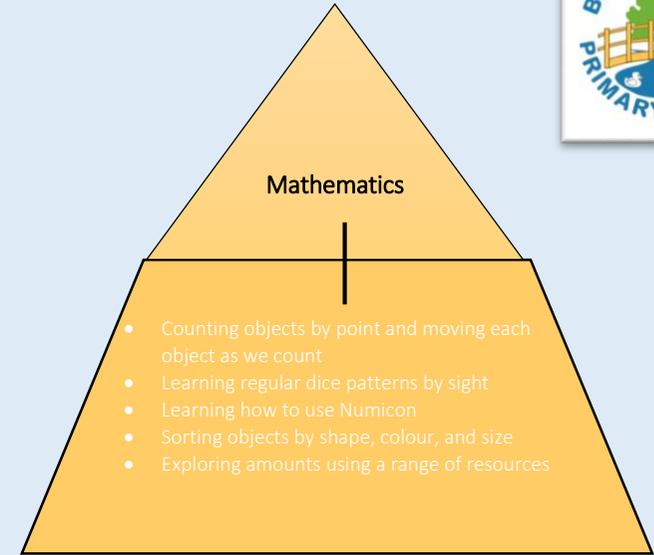
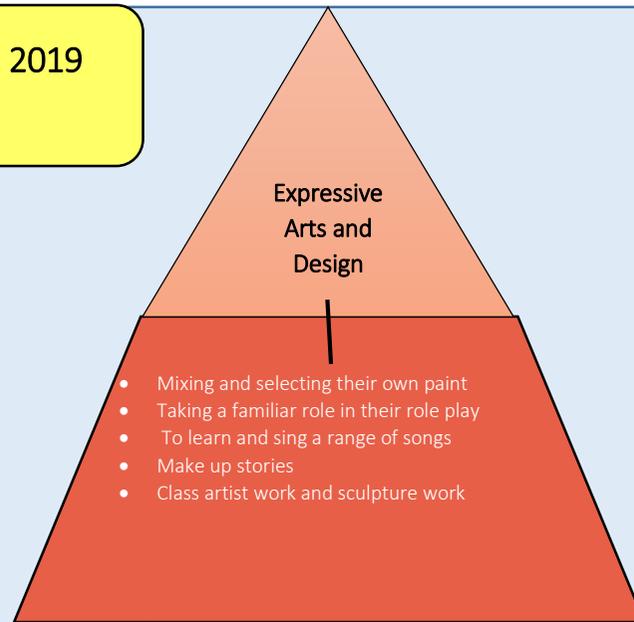
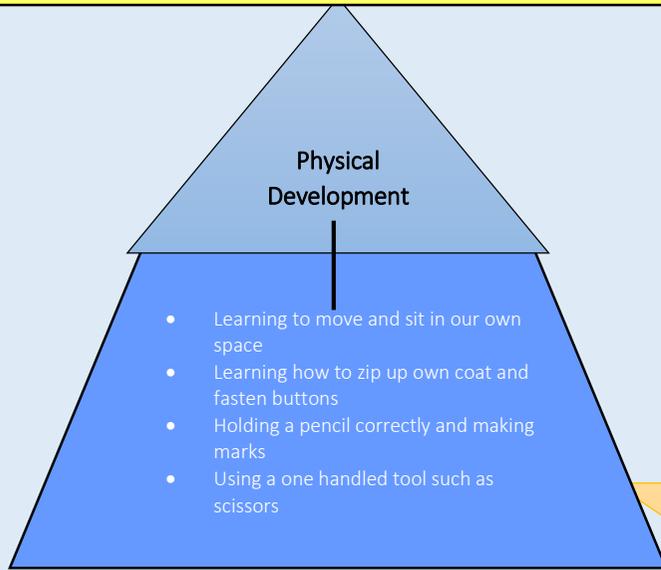
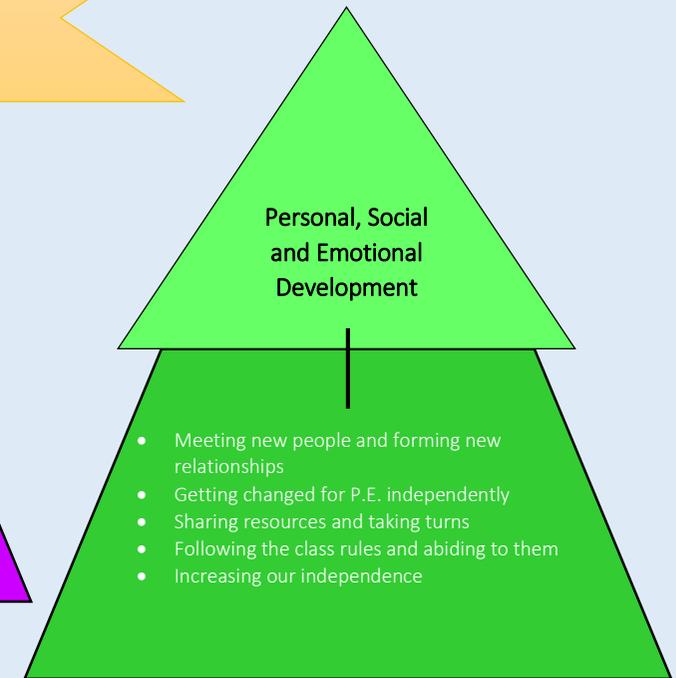
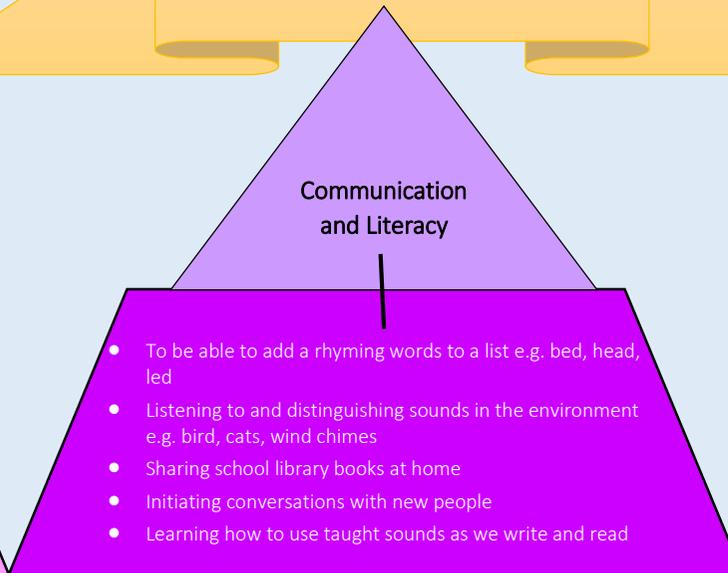
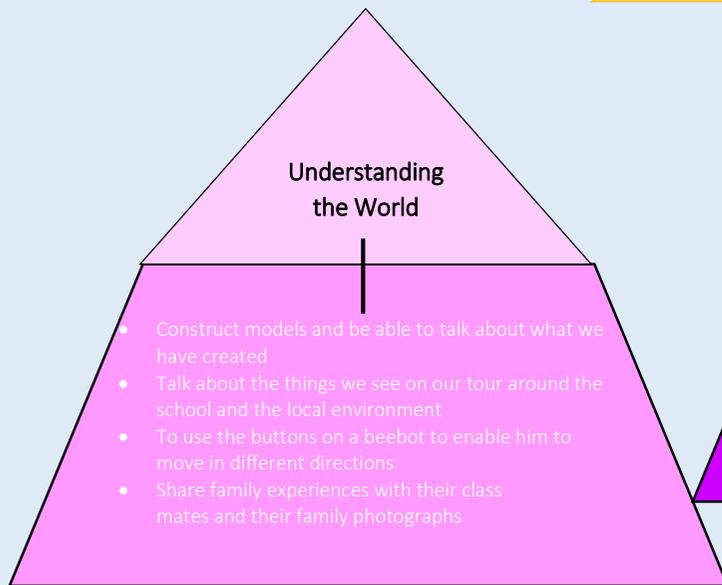


Early Years (FS 2 - Foundation Stage 2): Autumn 2019
'Setting Sail on our Learning Journey'



Into The Woods



Early Years (FS 2 - Foundation Stage 2)

Autumn Term 2019

Welcome back to school; we hope you and your child had a restful half term and are ready for this exciting time of year. Each term we send home an overview, as overleaf, giving you a taste of the things we will be teaching your child that term. Our curriculum is very busy and changes according to the interest of the children, so the overview is quite brief but is designed to keep you informed about your child's learning. We will display this overview on our notice board and on our school website. We are always keen to add your children's enquiry into our planning. If your child has any questions about any of our learning or something they have experienced that they wish to share with their friends, please speak to a member of the Early Years team and we will endeavour to plan activities to support their understanding and interests.

This term our theme is called 'Into The Woods' which involves an exploration of the familiar story of the Gruffalo. We will be encouraging the children to consider the characters and setting in the story and going on our own Gruffalo hunt. We will learn about Bonfire Night and the importance of fire safety as we experience a fire pit session during Welly Wednesday. Part of this session will include creating our own Bonfire Night poem whilst sharing a hot chocolate. Throughout this term the children will continue their phonics lessons, take home their reading and library books and take part in a wide variety of explorative play to develop their skills and knowledge.

The children will continue to take home their homework challenge books on Friday to complete a short activity linked with their learning at school. This book will need to be returned to school on the following Monday. Alongside this we also have our seasonal take home bags so please speak to any member of the Early Years team if you would like to take home one of our enquiry bags for a weekend. We will also explore a variety of themes linked with customs and traditions from different faiths and cultures

We would like to take this moment to remind you to ensure that your child's reading book stay in your child's book bag **at all times** so that we have access to them at any time throughout the school week. Your child will have a reading record book that will accompany their reading books and this record book is for both adults in school and parents/carers to record your child's achievements, challenges and next steps in reading. Each class will also visit the school library on a weekly basis and our library day is **Thursday**. Your child will choose their own book and bring it home for you to read to them. Please make sure that they are returned in books bags, ready to change the following Thursday. Children are not able to borrow another book until the previous one is returned.; please be aware that there is a charge for unreturned books.

To support our children's learning we like the children to make their own salt dough, take part in cookery and food tasting activities. In order to do this, we would ask for a voluntary **contribution of £5 per child** to cover the whole year and to allow us to buy the ingredients and resources to support this valuable experience in school. Please hand your contribution to a member of staff in a named envelope by the **18 November**. **If we do not receive sufficient donations we will be unable to proceed with some of these planned experiences.**

We hope you and your child enjoy this very exciting term at school. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to talk to any member of the Early Years Team.

Kind Regards
The Early Years Team