

Castle Primary School

Curriculum Letter

Year R



Summer Term 2024

Characteristics of learning

The Characteristics of learning are the ways in which a child engages with other people and their environment. The Characteristics, listed below, underpin learning and development across all areas of the Early Years curriculum and support the child to remain an effective and motivated learner. Our planned learning experiences this term aim to foster these characteristics ensuring that our children continue to develop as effective and motivated learners.

Playing and exploring – engagement

Finding out and exploring

Playing with what they know

Being willing to 'have a go'

Active learning – motivation

Being involved and concentrating

Keeping trying

Enjoying achieving what they set out to do

Creating and thinking critically – thinking

Having their own ideas

Making links

Choosing ways to do things

What we will be learning in Year R



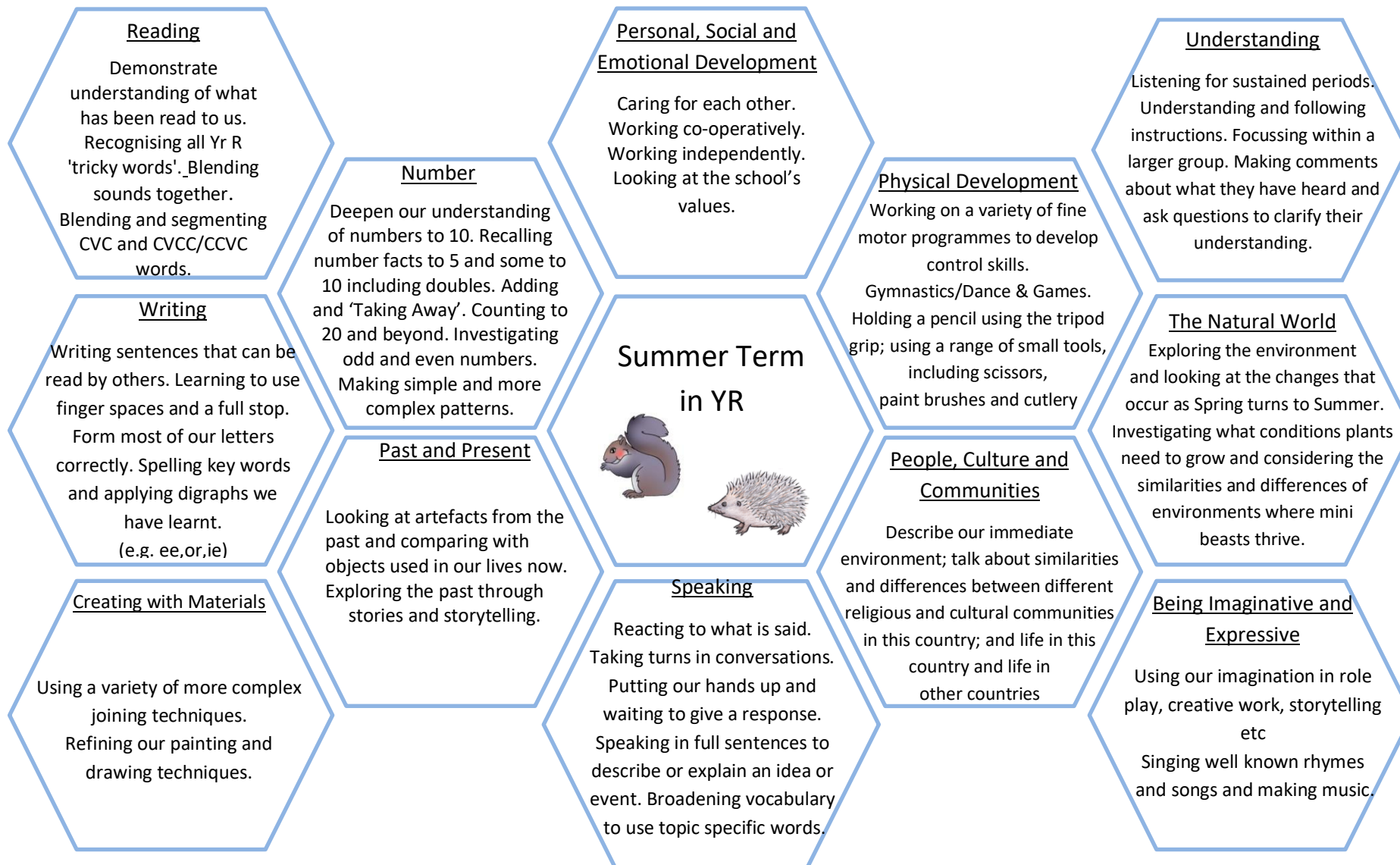
Welcome to the Summer term everyone. This will be your child's final term in YR but they will continue their learning through the Early Years Curriculum following their own interests and being taught skills directly through a variety of activities and group sessions. The outline below is a brief description of the learning that will be covered this term during our Discovery time sessions, phonics and maths groups, Explorer afternoons and during all other time spent in school.

Out and About

During the first half of the Summer Term we will be focussing our learning around the outside world. We will be investigating how plants grow and thinking about the conditions they need. We will also be looking at the weather and how that helps or hinders plants in their growth. We will be visiting Longdown Farm and will be thinking about the animals and how the farmer looks after them.

All Change

The second half term will see us investigating Mini Beasts and preparing for our move to Year 1. Through stories such as 'The Hungry Caterpillar' and 'The Bad-Tempered Ladybird', as well as non-fiction texts, we will investigate mini beasts. We will learn about where mini beasts live and how they change and grow. We will be writing questions and instructions (using words like 'first' 'next' 'then' 'finally'). This half term also sees us preparing for the children's transition to Y1 so we will be creating our own 'Passports' to help us on our journey and drawing our own portraits to help the Y1 teachers get to know who we are.



How you can help your child at home...

Below are some suggested activities you may like to try at home with your child.

- Practise their reading book for a few minutes every day, Wednesday to Sunday.
- Practise tricky word bingo games daily.
- Continue to practise the letter sounds.
- Use the children's letter cards to make simple regular words which they can sound out themselves.
- Share your child's online learning journal with them regularly to celebrate their achievements. We love to hear your feedback and what they are doing at home too.
- Support your child with letter and numeral formation.
- Encourage your child to practise writing their own name using correctly formed letters.
- Help your child to pick out numbers in their surroundings to support their recognition. (numbers to 20)
- Talk to your child about the days of the week, the date and the month we are in.
- Count to 20 with your child.



Our P.E days will be Wednesday and Friday this term.

Wednesday : Outdoor games (Summer 1 and 2)

Friday : Gymnastics in hall with Gym Coach Mrs.Parker (Summer 1) and Dance (Summer 2)

The classes will exchange their library books during their school Library visits:-

Squirrel Class - Tuesday

Hedgehog Class - Wednesday

Useful websites:

<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/b08bzfnh/numberblocks>

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/kids-activities/fun-maths-games-and-activities/> to find activities in Oxford owl it is under 'Kids Activities'





Key Dates for this term

- Longdown Farm visit– Thursday 16th May
- INSET day – Monday 22nd July and Tuesday 23rd July



Any other important dates for the term will be communicated to you via
email,
the school newsletter or Tapestry.