



British Section, SHAPE International School

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW - SUMMER TERM 2025



Your child's progress is monitored throughout FS1 and FS2 using the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) practice guidance '*Developmental Matters*'. We use this as a basis for our planning, which is developed throughout the year by topics and themes. This term our topics are based around 'Seasonal Changes' and Living Things 'We also use themes chosen by the children following their interests and ideas.



Physical Development

This term the children will continue to improve their fine and gross motor skills with activities from finger gym to pre-writing exploration in 'Scribble Club'. We will develop dance, ball skills and small apparatus work. They will enjoy team games and take part in sports day. This is in addition to the gross motor work they do every day in the playground, classroom and garden. As their fine motor skill improves, we will support their emergent letter writing with painting tracing and multisensory work. An essential part of physical development is developing healthy life choices. Finding out about why hand washing is important and why we should clean our teeth. Developing a better understanding of a balanced diet.

Communication and Language

Communication is developed throughout the year in all subjects. In this term we will continue to develop our communication skills using role play and drama in literacy. The children will have opportunities to re-enact stories using puppets and produce animations working in groups. The children are always encouraged to ask questions about why things happen and how things work. We will link this to our observations of living things and seasonal change. The children will use language to develop critical thinking skills- discussing, adapting and improving their work.



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Literacy-

Elf class are read to daily and encouraged to join in with stories and poems and think about their meaning. We'll enjoy books like 'Like Jaspers Beanstalk' and explore nonfiction books linked to our themes. Elf class follows a structured phonic programme Super Sonic Phonics. Through phase 1 phonics we explore and develop a range of skills– listening to environmental sounds around us, developing Instrumental sounds and exploring musical instruments, body percussion and patterns. We enjoy exploring rhyme and alliteration with

Mathematics

The children take part in daily mathematical activities that develop important mathematical principles through counting and shape work. We follow the 'White Rose Mathematics' scheme which links directly to the approach across school. This will be done both by taught adult led activities and through the continuous provision and play both inside and out. We will be developing their understanding of problem solving and critical thinking. Being able to talk about their ideas will really help their problem solving to develop. The children will continue to listen to rhymes, songs and stories that involve counting and shape and patterns. By providing frequent and varied opportunities to build and apply understanding – using manipulatives, including small pebbles or frames for organising counting – the children will develop a secure base of knowledge and vocabulary from which mastery of their mathematics is built. Elf class will be supported to develop positive attitudes and interests in mathematics, look for patterns and relationships, spot connections, 'have a go', talk to adults and peers

Understanding the World

The children will further develop their understanding of nature, exploring similarities and differences between living things. We will take part in nature trails, observing changes in the summer. We will explore the life cycle of a butterfly observing growth and change in the classroom with our butterfly house and releasing our hatched butterflies into the garden. Elf class will develop their understanding of people and communities by celebrating our diversity here in SHAPE, taking part in international opportunities when possible and finding out about the wider world through celebrations. They will plant seeds and care for growing plants. Begin to understand the need to respect and care for the natural environment and all living things. Explore and talk about different forces they can feel asking questions about how and why things work. We will find out about different countries in the world and talk about the differences they have experienced or seen through finding out about animals from around the world. Exploring materials and changes they notice when they freeze or bake

Expressive Arts and design

We will continue to build our repertoire of songs in daily music experiences and begin to explore composition using different instruments. The children will combine different media and explore colour mixing independently. Looking at artists to develop their joy of art and see how the world can be seen in different ways. We will be combining different media and junk modeling, adapting and discussing the models we make. They will explore a range of natural materials talking about the shapes and pictures they make. Elf class will explore art and music through our themes and musical phonics. They will select and adapt resources to work with through discussion. Elf class will begin to represent their own ideas in dance, role play, and stories linked to our themes. They will develop complex worlds through small world play and building blocks using a range of construction kits to develop their manipulative skills



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R.E

RE in FS1 sits within the areas of personal, social and emotional development and understanding the world. Our curriculum enables children to develop a positive sense of themselves, and others, and to learn how to form positive and respectful relationships. Elf class will do this through a balance of guided, planned teaching and pursuing their own learning within an enabling environment. They will begin to understand and value the differences of individuals and groups within their own immediate community, this will link in very closely to our work on character values. Elf class will have the opportunity to develop their emerging moral and cultural awareness through charity events like Make a Wish. We will explore special places by visiting the chapel and celebrate their own special days being part of the SHAPE community and enjoying caring for our natural world around us.