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Enrichment

Dear Parents/Carers,

This year we are introducing Enrichment afternoons. We believe that phonics, reading, writing and maths are essential skills for all children but also feel strongly that children can have strengths in many different areas and should have as many experiences and opportunities as possible to allow them to shine.

Enrichment will give all children the chance to try new and different activities that go beyond the National Curriculum for their age. Each term six different Enrichment activities will be provided on one afternoon per week. Each child will take part in three of the activities during the first half of the term and the other three activities during the second half of the term. Depending on the popularity and practicality of the activities some may continue in the Spring and Summer terms while others may change. (Archery for example will be offered in the Summer term when the weather is most likely to be better.)

The children will be in mixed age and ability groups for their Enrichment afternoon with around 20 children in each group. Teaching Assistants and Higher Level Teaching Assistants will lead Enrichment groups. Children who are supported by an additional adult will still have this support with them during Enrichment.

This term, the Enrichment activities that are being offered are:

Mindfulness – children will develop skills of patience, perseverance and enjoy being ‘in the present’

Ocarina – children will learn how to play this recorder-like instrument

Team Building – children will play mainly outdoor games that develop team work and language skills

Needle Craft – children will create a piece of Binka art through sewing

Spanish – children will learn about Spain, Spanish culture and some Spanish language

Djembe – children will learn to play in an African drumming band

We hope you agree that this is an exciting addition to our timetable and we can't wait to share the children's learning from their Enrichment sessions with you.

Kind regards

Ms Jordan

Headteacher

