

Learning Journey - Summer 1 2016

Native Americans



This learning journey is an outline of what we will be learning this term. What we do in class may vary from this plan in response to the children's needs and interests. The boxes identify the areas of the Early Years Curriculum.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

The class will be working together as a 'tribe', helping each other and find compromises.

Communication and Language

A number of jobs around the campsite will require communication and listening.

Understanding the World

Our learning about Native American Tribes will link strongly with Nature. With the changing of the seasons the children will be making observations and connections with the natural world around them. We will also be thinking about how we can look after the environment.

Week 1: What do we already know?

Week 2: Where did Native Americans live?

Week 3: A day in the life of a Native American tribe

Week 4: Pocahontas

We will be learning about Pocahontas as a significant historical figure.

Week 5: Changes over time

We will be comparing life for Native Americans in the past to the present day.

Weeks 6 and 7: Science week and Native American day

The last two weeks of the term will consist of a Science week and a Native American day where the children will be invited to dress up for the day.

Physical Development

The children are continuing their daily fine motor skills activities and Jump Start Jonny exercises. Now that the weather is beginning to improve, we hope to make the most of our improved outdoor area.

Expressive Arts and Design

Native American culture provides us with plenty of inspiration for art and design. With a focus on pattern, the children will be designing items such as necklaces, totem poles and dream catchers.

Mathematics

In addition to basic number and shape space and measure work, the children will be applying their maths to spot patterns and solve real life mathematical problems that occur within Native American life.

Literacy: Reading and Writing

The children will be developing their story telling skills around the 'camp fire', inspired by existing stories and inventing their own.