Communication and Language

This week, each child will be learning a fact about Squirrels. They will share this fact with their learning partner and the listen to their partners' fact. They will use this information to create a piece of writing. They will also play a game of 'true and false'. Can they use their knowledge of squirrels to figure out the fact from fiction?

Physical Development

In P.E. on a Tuesday afternoon Hatchmere will continue to practice their dance skills with a dedicated coach that comes into school. On Friday afternoon's they will be working on their ball skills with Mrs Teece.

Personal, Social and Emotion

As part of our focus on Keeping/Staying
Safe the children will be exploring
hazards in the home. We will be
spotting things that could be
dangerous and coming up with possible
solutions.

Literacy

Hatchmere will continue with the class focus text - The Squirrels who Squabbled by Rachel Bright.. In Drawing Club, the children will be reading Not Now Bernard and creating their own monster. In phonics this week the children will revise their previously taught sounds and be introduced to the phonemes ch,sh,th,ng. They will also continue be assessed on their knowledge of sounds, HFWs and blending skills.



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Understanding of the World

As we are going to see a change in the weather in the coming weeks the children will be looking at extreme weather around the world. We will discuss how climate change can affect the weather in different parts of the world and what changes we can see in this country.

Expressive Arts and Design

On Thursdays Hatchmere will have their music lesson with Miss Pile which will focus on Traditional Rhymes and Fairytales. The children will use paint, wool and other collage material to create a picture that represents the weather for display in the classroom.

Mathematics

The comparison of quantities is something that children begin to do as babies. When comparing, children notice attributes and begin to understand similarities and differences. This week's activities focus on further developing these innate skills. The children will be encouraged to compare the number of objects in 2 sets by matching them 1:1. Seeing that objects in some sets can be matched without any being left over will draw the children's attention to instances when the quantities of objects are equal. Language is a key focus and adults will need to reinforce the language of 'more than', 'fewer than' and 'an equal number' to describe how many objects there are in each set.

Parental Involvement Activity

Play a game of true or false with your child. This could be on any subject. The aim of this task is to support the children to think critically of the question and use what they already know to give a sensible answer - Tree's grow carrots - It is hot in Winter - Nana can fly. Ask your child to give you an explanation of their answer (carrots grow in the ground, they don't grow on trees).

Throw a tea-party with some favourite toys. Ask your child to ensure the toys have an equal amount of snacks each (3 toys need 3 biscuits, 3 drinks etc). Encourage the use of the word equal and re-inforce that the word 'equal' means 'the same as'.