

Nursery Curriculum Leaflet

Autumn Term

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Literacy

Our focus texts are 'I Like Myself' by Karen Beaumont and 'Stickman' by Julia Donaldson which will encourage the children to join in with repeated and familiar phrases. They will look at books, beginning to recognise and discuss illustrations and familiar print within the environment. They will engage in mark making experiences to prepare their fingers for writing, including drawing, painting, threading and play dough.

Maths

The children will begin to recognise numbers, patterns and shapes in the environment. They will become familiar with the structure of the day through using a visual timetable and discussions about what happens next. The children will use Numicon and counters as apparatus for counting. We will sing lots of number songs and have plenty of opportunities for Maths through indoor and outdoor learning.

Phonics

Early phonics in Nursery focuses on developing children's listening skills. Children will take part in activities such as sound walks, identifying everyday environmental sounds, listening to rhymes and joining in with nursery rhymes.

Early Reading

Children will enjoy stories every day and will have opportunities to choose books they would like to hear. Each week, children take home a reading book on Thursday to share with yourselves. This is to promote a love for reading and stories. Please can you return the books back each Monday.

Outdoor Learning

Our outdoor environment provides wonderful opportunities for children to develop their curiosity and confidence. This term, we are getting creative with mud, water, leaves and sticks in our mud kitchen. We are connecting with the natural world through sound walks and pumpkin exploring!

Enrichment Offer

Children build independence and self-care through role play and hygiene routines, while developing communication, creativity, leadership, responsibility and teamwork through child-initiated learning. Carefully planned enrichment, including an Autumn Fun Day and a Bhangra Dancing workshop, makes learning memorable, broadens experiences and builds cultural capital.

Communication and Language

The staff model good communication skills throughout the day by talking to the children, asking them questions and giving instructions.

The children are encouraged to talk in a small group and to make their needs clear through speech and gestures. The children will also learn some familiar words related to concepts such as 'big' through word aware. Listening games and turn taking activities also help support this area of learning.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development/ PSHE

During the first half term, the children will become more confident to leave their parents and carers and go into nursery happily. Our key-worker system will provide your child with a safe, secure and familiar adult to build a relationship within the early days. It is very important that your child feels safe and happy; we will read lots of books about settling into nursery and want to make them feel as relaxed as possible.

Characteristics of Effective Teaching and Learning

The children are encouraged to be independent and think of ways to solve problems for themselves. We encourage the children to keep trying when they find tasks difficult and to feel proud of themselves when they achieve their goals.

The children are given lots of opportunities to work as a team and make decisions together.

Our Weekly Learning

Each week in nursery, we have lots of fun exploring our Number, Shape, Rhyme and Colour of the Week. Through playful activities, stories, songs and hands-on learning, the children develop their early maths, language and communication skills while building confidence and having lots of fun!

Expressive Arts and Design

The children will be provided with lots of opportunities to explore a range of creative materials such as paint, play dough, foam and collage.

We will name parts of our bodies through song and experiment with a range of movements through music. We will be learning a nursery rhyme each week, play musical instruments, sing and dance. Our role play area is a home which encourages children to explore, use their imagination, dress up and act out different roles.

Understanding the World

Amazing Me is a lovely topic to start the year off; we will talk about similarities and differences between the children and their families, draw self-portraits and learn about different parts of the body.

During the Celebrations topic, we will talk about different cultures, beliefs and practices. We celebrate and respect different religions and cultures and will find out about the children's personal experiences.

Physical Development

The children will be encouraged to be as independent as possible and will learn about going to the toilet and washing their hands, personal hygiene and healthy eating. They will be encouraged to dress themselves and put their own coat on.

The children are provided with many opportunities for movement both indoors and outdoors, we have a range of bikes, scooters, climbing equipment and a weekly gross-motor session (PE).

Reminders

Please remember to send your child to nursery with all uniform and belongings clearly labelled with their name. Children should also have a nursery bag, a spare set of clothes and a water bottle each day. Thank you for helping us keep everything organised!

Please check the noticeboard on the window for further information