



Nursery Curriculum Information

Summer Term 2



Dear Parents and Carers,

This half term, our topic is 'Fantasy'.

Below we have outlined what we will be covering in each area of the Foundation Stage Curriculum.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• In our final term of nursery we will be encouraging the children to adapt their behaviour to different events, social situations and changes in routine as we start visiting our Reception classes for short 'stay and play' sessions in preparation for next year. Children will get the chance to meet their new teachers and they will be encouraged to build up their confidence to speak about their own wants, needs, interests and opinions in their new settings.
Communication and Language	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Through 'circle time' and 'big talk' sessions, the children will be encouraged to express their ideas and opinions using appropriate vocabulary and clear, audible speech. We will reflect on our time in nursery by looking at photographs and talking about what we remember. We will look ahead and make predictions about what our time in Reception will be like and talk about things that we are looking forward to trying out in our new classes. The children will be encouraged to recount their experiences in increasing detail, answering questions such as what? where? who? how? and why? in order to structure their ideas clearly.
Physical Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• We continue our weekly PE sessions with Miss Quinn, our sports coach. We will use the small and large P.E. apparatus in the hall. The children will be taught how to work co-operatively using mats, hoops, benches and beanbags.• In class, through malleable/messy play activities the children will continue to strengthen their fine motor skills. We have planned a variety of sensory experiences to develop skills of rolling, pinching, squeezing, prodding etc. using gloop, clay, dough, wet/dry sand, lentils, etc.• In handwriting, the children will be shown the correct letter formation of each letter in their name. We will encourage the correct sequence of movement using handwriting chants and actions. Please reinforce this at home by continuing to use the reusable name templates sent home last half term.
Literacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• In literacy, we will look at the genre of Traditional Tales and explore the key features of these texts. The children will listen to, retell and re-enact the stories of Goldilocks; the Little Red Hen; The Three Little Pigs; The Gingerbread Man and The Three Bears. We will talk about the characters, the sequence of events and the structure of these stories, how they begin, what happens in the middle and how they end.• Children will be encouraged to continue to show awareness of rhyme and alliteration through games and activities.• Some children will be working hard at learning to recognise and read high frequency words which will be sent home in the format of several flashcards in your child's homework bag. Please work with your child to help them learn to recognise these words by spending a couple of minutes each day going through them together.

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<p>Mathematics</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We have noticed that quite a few children in our nursery are starting to show interest in representing numbers around the classroom. This term we will be encouraging this further and children will be challenged to make records, using marks that they can interpret and explain through the use of tallying, pictograms and were applicable, the writing of actual numerals. Children will be given lots of opportunities for mark making both in our numeracy area and around wider nursery environment.
<p>Understanding the World</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We plan to use the outdoor environment to enrich our learning experiences every day, so please make sure you have applied sun cream prior to the start of the session. A sun hat for your child to wear would also be beneficial in the warmer/sunnier weather. We will be working in our garden area, tidying up and weeding in preparation for 'rehoming' the miniature sunflowers that we planted before half term. The children planted the seeds themselves and we have been observing them closely as they have started to grow and change - ask your child to point which flower is theirs next time you are in the school yard and see if they can tell you how it has grown and changed and what they have done to look after it.
<p>Expressive Arts and Design</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We will be practising lots this term for our end of year Nursery Graduation (singing, dancing and talking about our of achievements this year...!) Parents are invited to come and watch our performances on Friday 15th July (9.30am for morning children and 2.00pm for afternoon children). Children will continue with their weekly music sessions with our music specialist, Mr Lucas were they will be learning about and exploring how sounds can be changed, tapping out simple rhythms and exploring the sounds of different instruments.