



Curriculum Newsletter



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Nursery

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Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Currently it is important to keep talking about our feelings and emotions. In Nursery we will take part in circle games to explore our feelings and develop friendships. At home read stories, talk about emotions and you could always try some colouring or [Cosmic Yoga](#). We will discuss the underwear rule – [Pants are Private](#) (NSPCC)

Reading Books

For those that are coming into school, reading books are now going home with children who bring a book bag to Nursery. They are changed every Wednesday (or Monday if your child doesn't attend on this day). It is lovely to see your comments and your child's drawing in the green books; we look out for the special stickers when your child has read at home! If your child is not currently attending, try to share as many stories as possible, you can also watch bedtime stories on CBeebies.

Mathematics

We will be looking at shapes and patterns this half term. We will also continue to practise our 1:1 counting skills. You could try a shape or pattern hunt at home or as you walk to and from school. Lego and Duplo are also really good for practising these skills.

Physical Development

We will be using bats and balls to develop our hand-eye coordination. At home you can join in with Joe Wicks and also play throwing, catching and kicking games in the garden. If your child is in Nursery please send them in ready for outdoor PE on Tuesdays and Thursdays (warm clothing). Help develop finger strength by threading pasta or cheerios onto string, playing with playdoh and pegging out washing.

Our Topic:

To Infinity and Beyond!



Our new topic is all about space! We can find out about planets, stars and the sun and use our imagination to think about aliens. Check out some ideas below to try at home!

Communication and Language

We will be learning the concepts dry, top, fast and noisy. Use these words during games and playing together, maybe try moving fast like a spaceship and talk about being dry after a bath. Listen out for sounds in your home or when out on walks. Singing songs is a great way to develop language, [BBC School Radio](#) has lots of songs you will know and can join in with. We will be learning 5 Little Men in a Flying Saucer.

Understanding the World

We will be learning about space and finding out about our solar system, moon, sun and satellites. We will learn about melting and freezing as well as reflections and how they occur. Try freezing toys in water and watching them melt or even help them to escape!

Towards the end of the half term we will be learning about Chinese New Year and how this is celebrated.

Expressive Arts and Design

We will be using a variety of materials to help us build rockets and aliens. We will role play the stories we read and pretend we are different characters. We will also create our own 'Starry Night' inspired by Van Gogh.

Literacy

We are sharing a range of stories and non-fiction books and will look at characters, settings and events in these books. Some of these stories will be Aliens Love Underpants, Whatever Next!, How to Catch a Star and The Boy who Switched Off the Sun.

All of these stories are available to watch on You Tube too.

Independence in Nursery

The children in Nursery are working so hard to develop their independence skills and we are so proud of them.

The skills we will be working on are;

- putting our coats on (and pulling the sleeves the correct way)
- doing our zips up
- putting shoes and socks on and
- putting our gloves on.

It would be fantastic if you can support this at home.

Weather

If your child is currently attending Nursery, as the weather is now very cold it is essential your children come to Nursery ready to play and learn both inside and out. This now includes hats, gloves, scarves and warm waterproof coats. Please ensure all items of clothing are named.

Fun in the Forest

The children have loved our 'Fun in the Forest' sessions. We will continue with these in Nursery.

For children staying at home you could explore your garden or local area when you go for a walk. Have a look and listen for birds and animals or try making a bird feeder.

Home Learning

Choose a planet and make it using paper mache. Use the internet to find out about it and look at the colours you need to paint it.

Some planets are really cold! You could explore freezing and melting with ice cubes from the freezer or put some containers in the garden and watch what happens.

Use a cereal or shoe box to create your own alien. How many arms, legs, ears and eyes does it have? Is it hairy, stripy or have a different pattern?

Go for a picnic on the Moon just like Baby Bear in the story 'Whatever Next!'. Make a list of the food you need and have a go at making your own sandwich.

Record your home learning on Tapestry, you might even want to show us your groovy moves by doing a space themed dance.