



Curriculum Newsletter



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Nursery



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Personal, Social and Emotional Development

As we welcome some new children to the Nursery this term we will initially spend time reintroducing the routines and expectations and getting to know each other. We will spend time recapping our feelings and how our actions can have an impact on those around us.

Our Topic:

When I Grow Up!

People Who Help Us.

This topic is an opportunity to look at jobs and occupations, allowing the children to set aspirations for themselves as well as learning about the local people in our community who help us such as the Police, Lollipop People and Healthcare workers.

Communication and Language

We will continue to develop our vocabulary over the term linked to our topic alongside using 'Concept Cat' to introduce and recap key concepts with the children. We will be promoting listening skills through a range of games and activities.

Physical Development

This half term we will work on our core strength through activities linked to rolling and rocking! This is a key skill to develop so that our children can sit comfortably and control their movements. We will have a range of fine motor skills out this half term to develop our finger strength and dexterity such as playdough, threading and pegging.

Books we will be reading

We have begun our topic by sharing the story 'When I grow up' by Colin McNaughton. We have then got a range of books linked to occupations and vehicles in our story corner, some non-fiction and some fiction.

Literacy

Our Literacy focus this half term will be closely linked to books, we want children to become familiar with stories so that they can extend their language linked to stories we have shared. There will also be lots of opportunities for children to mark make, both with pens and pencils but also with chinks, paintbrushes and within a range of textures.

Understanding the World

This will be closely linked to our topic as the children will be encouraged to explore occupations and roles.

If you would like to come in and speak to the Nursery children about your job we would love to see you! Please speak to a member of the Nursery Team if this is something you would be interested in doing.

Expressive Arts and Design

The children will continue to have access to a wide range of media and materials. We will link closely to our topic to provide small world and role play opportunities which allow the children to use their imagination to take on roles within their play linked to the jobs and occupations we are learning about.

Mathematics

This half term we will be really focussing on the skill of 'subitising', this is when you can look at an amount and recognise it instantly. We will start by looking at subitising with the number 3 and then build up to 4 and 5 as the term progresses. Alongside this we will continue to sing number songs to support our learning of ordinality (saying number names in order).

Independence in Nursery

This area is a key aspect of learning in Nursery, being independent in self care helps children to develop their confidence and builds resilience. With this in mind please ensure you are giving your children the opportunity to dress themselves and to develop their skills linked to self care for example washing hands and blowing noses.

Weather

We use the outdoors daily and the children need to be suitably dressed to access this.

Please keep an eye on the weather, and send in appropriate clothing such as waterproof coats, hats and snoods. It is important that all items of clothing are named.

All children should have named wellies in school.

What does your child need to bring to Nursery

Daily:

- a named water bottle (not in the book bag)
- a book bag

Half Termly (these can stay at Nursery):

- spare clothes in a named bag
- wellington boots (named) in a named bag

Please name all items of clothing.

Home Learning

Nursery Rhymes - singing rhymes is a great way to support your child's Literacy skills. The BBC have some lovely compilations which can be found on YouTube (search - BBC Nursery Rhymes).

Bedtime Stories - reading is a great way to develop a range of skills and share a special few minutes with your child. Please try and build this into your bedtime routine and let us know your favourite stories!

Don't forget to keep an eye on Tapestry for extra Home Learning Challenges and please continue sharing all the exciting things you do at home too!