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Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will support children to develop confidence in building positive relationships with adults and peers and to feel a sense of belonging in our Nursery. We will give children time to explore the environment and support them in choosing how they play and learn.

Our Topic:

Getting to know you!

Communication and Language

We will provide opportunities for children to share their thoughts and ideas.
We will introduce and encourage the children to follow our listening rules, *'look at the person who is talking,' 'sitting still,' 'listening to ALL of the words' and 'being quiet.'*
Being a good listener is really important!

Physical Development

We will develop our core strength using the large equipment in our outdoor areas. Taking part in 'Squiggle whilst you Wiggle' will support and strengthen our big muscles. We will build the small muscles in our hands and fingers during 'Play dough Disco' and 'Funky Fingers' activities.

Books we will be reading

Our texts this half term will include:

- 'You Choose' by Nick Sharratt
- 'The Perfect Fit' by Naomi and James Jones
- 'All are Welcome' by Alexandra Penfold
- 'The Same but Different too' by Karl Newson

Literacy

We will create opportunities for children to mark make, using a wide variety of resources. We will share our favourite stories, providing props and puppets to extend children's understanding and to encourage a love of books and reading.

Understanding the World

We will share our thoughts, ideas and opinions, talk about our likes and dislikes and spend time getting to know each other. We will celebrate 'what makes us unique' and develop positive attitudes about the differences between us.

Expressive Arts and Design

We will encourage the children to explore and express their imagination and creativity in a variety of ways, including...role play, open-ended resources, music, mark making and more!

Mathematics

We will use books, songs and a range of resources to explore a range of maths concepts including more than, fewer than, positional language and building with shapes and objects.

Let's get PHYSICAL!

On Tuesdays we will be following 'Squiggle whilst you Wiggle,' using dance, music and large movements.

On Thursdays we explore the forest and enjoy being in nature.

Please send your child wearing leggings or joggers on these days.

It would also be useful for your child to wear footwear that they can take off and put on by themselves.

Free Flow

We access our outdoor areas daily, with the doors open for free flow access during our play and learn sessions. Therefore, suitable clothing is important, including sensible footwear.

Unfortunately, this may mean that your washing pile grows each day, but mess means the children are exploring their senses and having fun!

Sharing Stories

To foster a love of reading, each week the children will have the opportunity to choose a book from our 'lending library.'

Please share the book your child brings home with them. Once returned, another book can be chosen and taken home!

Please make sure your child has a bookbag/large rucksack with them so we can send books home.

Additional Information

All uniform, coats, bags and bottles need to be clearly named please. Gloves, scarves and hats also need to be named, as these can easily get lost.

Please encourage independence at home when getting dressed. The children love to be praised for being able to put on their jumpers, coats, shoes and wellies independently.

Please can we also remind you to send a separate named bag of spare clothing with your child in case they need a change.