



Half Term Curriculum Overview

Nursery Spring Term 1 2024

Communication, Language and Literacy

The focus for our Foundation for Phonics this term is rhythm and rhyme. We will be learning some nursery rhymes, listening to rhyming stories, playing rhyming pairs and bingo games and developing children's ability to hear and count syllables in words.

We shall continue to develop a love of reading by sharing stories every day. This term our "Big Six" book is Goldilocks and the Three Bears. Our library day is Tuesday and one child will be chosen each week to take home Bertie, our Nursery book bear.

We will start "squiggle whilst you wiggle." This is a fun way to develop children's gross and fine motor skills to support them with mark making and early writing.

Understanding the World

We shall start the term by talking about the seasonal changes which happen in winter and learning vocabulary related to snow and ice. We will also learn about freezing and melting.

We will then begin our main topic, talking about different types of toys, how they work and what they are made of.

We will encourage the children to describe their favourite toys and look at toys from the past. It would greatly enhance our learning if parents/carers/grandparents could send a photo into school of a favourite toy they used to play with as a child.

Mathematics

Our focus for the first few weeks of the term will be on 2D shape. We will look at the similarities between shapes, spot shapes in the environment and learn about some of their properties.

We will then move on to learning about subitising. In case you don't already know this is where we instantly recognise a group of objects or dots, for example on dice, without having to count each one. Subitising is a really important skill in early maths development as it helps children understand what numbers mean, develops pattern recognition and reduces an over-reliance on counting.

Physical Development

This term, we will be working on our fine motor skills in play and structured activities. We will continue to do P.E and Yoga in the mornings as well as outdoor play every day.

Our topic is
Toys

Personal, social and emotional

Our theme this half term is Support. We will be talking about how our friends, teachers and families can help us. We shall also learn what it means to be a good friend and what we can do to help others.

Expressive Arts and Design

During this half term, we shall be encouraging the children to develop their imagination and creativity through a range of role play, small world, music, painting, printing and mark making activities. Our provision will change frequently to suit the children's interests.

How you can help at home

Please help your child to become independent and confident with self-care skills such as putting on and fastening their own coats, going to the toilet and washing their hands, walking up the ramp into Nursery carrying their own bag and bottle. In order to support their learning in phonics you can help by reading rhyming stories, singing nursery rhymes and talking about words which rhyme.