

Communication & Language

In this term we are developing our listening and communication skills through small group times and children talking about their interests. We will listen to a range of stories to develop our attention skills and will be encouraged to join in with repeated refrains. Children will be encouraged to talk about what they have been doing at the weekend with support from Monty our travelling Elephant who goes home with a different child each weekend. We will also be developing our vocabulary with the introduction of topic words which will be used in Nursery and sent home on a regular basis.

Literacy

This term we have started Read Write Inc helping us learn phonics skills ready for recognising letters. At group time we will be reading rhyming stories to develop our love of reading. Through this we will develop the importance of looking after books and learn how to handle them correctly and that we need to start a story at the beginning holding it the correct way up. Children will be encouraged to join in with repeated refrains and anticipate key events and phrases in rhymes and stories and we will learn about the way stories are structured. We will play games and sing nursery rhymes to foster the enjoyment of singing and develop the awareness of rhyme and alliteration.

Expressive Arts & Design

We love to sing and dance and will be taking part in a regular music and movement session to help us learn to move rhythmically and respond to music. At group time we will explore musical instruments and will develop our listening skills through musical activities such as making up and following rhythms and patterns. We will also explore how sounds can be changed and be encouraged to sing our own songs. In our creative area we will be encouraged to explore with paint, glue, chalk, pens, crayons and other creative materials. We will talk about how colours can be changed and what we are going to make.

Personal, Social Emotional Development

This term we are developing our independence skills, children are encouraged to put on their own coats and fasten them themselves, begin to dress and undress for PE and are encouraged to be confident in toileting and hygiene skills such as tooth brushing and washing their hands. We also will look at developing our understanding of feelings, and start to understand that some actions and words can hurt others' feelings. We will then be supported to show friendly behaviour, initiating conversations and forming good relationships with our friends and familiar adults.

Physical Development

We will be encouraged to move freely and with pleasure and confidence in a range of ways, such as slithering, shuffling, rolling, crawling, walking, running, jumping, skipping, sliding and hopping. We will be supported to climb and develop our confidence skills when using the nursery equipment outside. Through Squiggle and Dough Disco we will develop our gross and fine motor skills ready for early writing. In Squiggle we will be encouraged to use flappers and then draw lines and circles using gross motor movements. In Dough Disco we will strengthen our hand muscles and help develop strength in our fingers to hold a pencil correctly. We will be encouraged in the creative and malleable area to use one-handed tools and equipment, e.g. snips in paper with child scissors. We will also be encouraged to mark make in a range of ways and supported to hold a pencil.

Mathematics

Through singing number rhymes we will be learning to represent numbers with our fingers, with objects and will be able to develop our understanding of how many objects are in a set. We will also at group time be encouraged to recognise numbers to 5 and count objects to 10. We will sort and count items around nursery to develop our counting skills and mathematical language of more and less. We will explore a range of shapes through playing with shapes, building with construction objects and finding shapes in the environment. We will be encouraged to use positional language with our play and when following simple instructions.

Understanding the World

Through stay and play sessions and talking about the weekend, we will be encouraged to talk about our families and special times such as Birthdays, Weddings, Easter. We will also decorate eggs for Easter and talk about how we celebrate. In our outdoor learning session we will foster our love of exploring outside we will look at the changes in seasons and weather. We will look at what is growing in our outdoor classroom and talk about what we have found such as plants, animals and other natural objects.

Nursery Curriculum Map

