



# Nursery

## Autumn Term 2017

### Communication and Language

Children have daily access to our book corner. They will have lots of opportunities to listen to books and there are regular storytelling sessions.

Children will be in daily small group sessions where they will be encouraged to speak, think about questions and listen to each other.

Our focus for this half term will be the book Dear Zoo by Rod Campbell. Children will be enjoying many activities inspired by this story.

Our Nursery home loan collection has books, games and story sacks that you may borrow to share at home. Chatting about the day and sharing a book together is a great way to end the day.

### Literacy

At the start of each session, children are encouraged to recognise their own names by putting them on to the correct mat.

Children will have daily access to our writing area where they can practise their mark making skills. As part of our learning about Dear Zoo, the children will have the opportunity to write letters and draw pictures of animals. We will be making a class book to share together. We will also have fun thinking about an alphabet of animals and linking it to the children's names.

At home, try and make books a part of family life. Have a book in your bag and take the opportunity to read with your child when you are waiting for the bus or for an appointment.

### Physical Development

Children will have lots of practice using one-handed tools such as scissors, paintbrushes and pencils. Activities such as threading, playdough and jigsaws, help to develop early writing skills.

Once the children have settled, we will start our weekly hall sessions where children have the opportunity to enjoy moving in a range of ways linked to the animals in Dear Zoo.

Children have daily access to our outside area where they have the opportunity to climb, balance, cycle and play ring games.

Please do not bring snacks from home as fruit, milk and water are provided each session. Please continue to encourage your child to be increasingly independent with toileting and getting themselves dressed.

### Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will be encouraging all children to become familiar with nursery routines. Children will be allocated key workers and will begin to form a relationship with them and the children in their group. If you have any concerns with how your child is settling please come and have a chat with us.

During the term your child will have the opportunity to look after one of our nursery bears either Edith Edmund or Edward! We also have toys for children to take with them to a Special Occasion – details to follow. During the half term we will have themed Show and Tell sessions linked to our learning on Dear Zoo. Parents will be notified nearer the time.

### Mathematics

We have a maths area in Nursery where children have free access to a variety of fun maths resources to practise skills such as sorting, counting and number recognition.

As part of our learning about Dear Zoo the children will be learning number rhymes linked to animals in the story. We will also be using the story to explore weight, size and comparative language.

Look for numbers in everyday situations, such as on buses, front doors etc. Try to use the mathematical language we use in everyday life, such as up & down, under & over, big & little, long & short, first & last, longest, shortest, etc.

Children will have a turn borrowing a maths monster to help with concepts such as counting, sorting, matching.

### Understanding the World

Children will be using information books to find out about animals and looking at maps to see where they live.

Children will also be encouraged to talk about pets they have or would like and how to look after them.

Children have daily access to exploratory activities such as sand, water, a texture tray, construction toys etc.

The children have regular use of ICT equipment such as a computer and an interactive whiteboard.

We use Ruby our toy rabbit to learn about other places. If you are going away please see us about taking her with you!

### Expressive Arts and Design

Children have regular access to our painting easels, writing table, making area, role play corner, dressing up clothes and musical instruments.

Many activities will be linked to Dear Zoo, such as singing animal songs, role play vets, looking at animal prints, linking instruments to animals in the story and moving like animals to a range of music.

Your child will bring a puppet box home to share with you. Read the story together and ask your child to have a go at re-telling the story in their own words.

### Remember

**PE is on Wednesday mornings or Thursday afternoons.**

As the weather gets cooler, please send your child with a coat for activities in our nursery garden. Please name your child's belongings.

We will have a books and biscuits event for parents and children held during a nursery session. This will be on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 8.45-9.30 or Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2.45-3.30. More details to follow.