



Nursery Spring 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 traditional story of the Gingerbread Man. Children will be enjoying many activities inspired by this story.

Try to share a book with your child each day, listening to and discussing the story together. This will provide opportunities to develop your child's language. There are books and story sacks to borrow from Nursery.

Literacy



At the start of each session, children are encouraged to recognise their own names by putting their names into a basket.

Children will have daily access to our writing area where they can practise their mark making skills. As part of our learning about the Gingerbread Man, we will be producing a story map to help the children re-tell the story. Ask your child if they can use the map to re-tell the story. We'd love you to send us a video!

We will continue to visit our school Ladybird Library where the children may borrow an information book. Please provide a book bag and return the book each week.

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.

We will continue our weekly PE sessions where children have the opportunity to enjoy moving in a range of ways and exploring a range of equipment.

Children have daily access to our outside area where they have the opportunity to climb, balance, cycle and play ring games. Your child could practise using balls, climbing etc at your local park.

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

This term we are welcoming some new children into Nursery. We will be encouraging all children to become familiar with nursery routines. Children will begin to form a relationship with their Key Worker 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 or Edmund. We also have toys for children to take with them to a Special Occasion. We will continue to use our system of Learning Animals at Nursery and at home to celebrate children's learning.

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

Practise counting objects with your child: you could do this on the walk home. Begin to use positional language (on, under, etc) and talk about the shape of everyday objects (round, tall etc)

Look for numbers in everyday situations to help your child begin to recognise some numbers – eg on buses, front doors.

We will put a number by the name cards. Talk to your child about the number they see.

Our term will end with our number and shapes Easter egg hunt in our Nursery garden.

Understanding the World

Children will be using information books to find out about farm animals.

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!

We will be learning about Chinese New Year, Mother's Day, Spring and Easter. If you would like to come and talk to the children about your family's celebrations, or you have some items for us to borrow, please talk to a member of staff.

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 the Gingerbread Man story. Children will be singing, producing art work, enjoying our role play bakery and making gingerbread men with both playdough and real ingredients!

Remember

Library days are Monday morning or Friday afternoons



PE is on Wednesday mornings or Thursday afternoons.

Please continue to send your child with a warm coat for activities in our nursery garden.

Please check that your child has welly boots that fit.

We will be sending further details this term of our Mother's Day event for which will held during a nursery session on Wednesday 22nd March (am) or Friday 24th March (pm)