

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 story of the 'We're going on a bear hunt' by Michael Rosen. Children will be enjoying many activities based on this theme.

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.

Children will be invited to bring their teddy bears to Nursery for a show and tell session – details to follow.



Nursery summer term

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 by sending them in clothing they can manage themselves eg Velcro shoes.

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. We will be inviting parents and carers to join us for a teddy bears picnic – details to follow.

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.

We hope you have enjoyed looking for numbers in the environment as part of our Number Hunt Challenge over the holidays. Please hand in your entries to Nursery staff by 28th April. We will be using the Bear Hunt story to count with the children and use mathematical language of size and position. At home you could hide a teddy and ask your child to use positional language to tell you where it is.

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)

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

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 Bear Hunt, we will be producing a story map and learning actions 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.

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 Bear Hunt story. Children will be singing, producing art work, enjoying a role play bear hunt in the garden.

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



Remember

Library days are Monday morning or Friday afternoons.

PE is on Wednesday mornings or Thursday afternoons.

Please send your child in suitable clothing for the changeable weather!

Sunhats and sun cream will be needed for sunnier days.

Details will follow for our teddy show and tell (Week beginning 15th May) and our Teddy Bears Picnic (Wednesday 24th May 11.15 – 11.45am) and Friday 26th May 3 -3.30pm)