

Nursery: Spring 1: Winter and Food and Healthy Living



Dear Parents,

Here are some of the activities we will be covering in Nursery this half-term. This overview does not include everything that we will be doing, as many of our topics will be child initiated but hopefully it will give you an insight into some of the learning which will be taking place. Learning will take place inside and outside of Nursery and through community opportunities such as regular visits to the library and shops.

Physical Development

Children will continue developing physical skills through PE, fundamental movement sessions and fine and gross motor opportunities inside and outside of Nursery. With specific focusses on balancing, spatial awareness and listening carefully to the speed that they need to travel. Children will continue to develop their fine motor skills through playing with malleable materials such as playdough, tweezers, shaving foam and clay.

Communication Language and Literacy

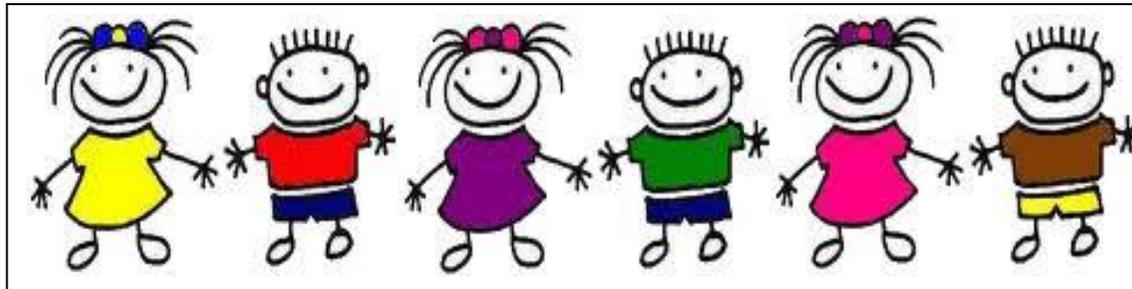
We will be developing communication and language this term by giving children regular opportunities to talk and listen to each other. They will listen to stories every day and respond to what they have heard. The children will be encouraged to talk for a range of purposes and reasons.

Personal Social and Emotional Development

We will be developing the children's awareness of their own and others feelings. We will continue to work on sharing and turn taking. The children will be encouraged to develop their independence in Nursery, including awarding certificates for demonstrating independence skills. We will also focus on taking care of our own, nursery's and other peoples belongings.

Mathematics

In mathematics children will be learning to count independently and to count objects accurately, demonstrating 1-1 correspondence. This will be taught practically and encouraged throughout the day. Children will be learning to recognise and name colours accurately and then use these in their play. They will begin to understand what a pattern is and to make their own patterns using two different colours. Children will also continue a repeating pattern.



Literacy

In Literacy children will be reading for pleasure and learning how to handle books carefully, turning pages and saying what they see in the pictures. Children will learn and be encouraged to use new vocabulary learned from books in everyday discussions. They will begin to discuss the sounds in their names, in specific what their name starts with, as well as recognising their name in different places.

Understanding the World

Children will have lots of opportunities to explore their natural world both in Nursery and the community. We will focus on Winter and changes in the environment. We will explore snow and ice. We will look at people who help us including doctors, police and fire brigade and ways we can keep ourselves safe.

Expressive Arts and Design

Children will have the opportunity to develop their skills by handling different tools, making things such as Chinese New Year cards and crafts. We will continue to handle musical instruments and keep a steady beat with, as well as learning how to stop. We will encourage imaginative play by acting out stories and songs.

