



Nursery

Autumn Term 1

September- October 2024

Physical Development

The children will be introduced to dough disco which will help develop their fine motor skills. This involves using playdough and performing a range of hand and finger movements to music. We will be taking part in weekly PE lessons. Children will be introduced to Physical Education and structured movement through the topic of 'fantasy and adventure'. They will spend time learning basic principles of a PE lesson such as finding space, freezing on command, using and sharing equipment and working individually, with a partner and group. They will take part in activities which will develop fundamental movement skills such as running, jumping and skipping.

Religious Education

During the Creation and Covenant unit, the children will learn that God created our beautiful world and everything in it, including us! They will learn that God loves us and we are part of a family. Across this half term, the children will explore our role in taking care of God's creation and treating each other in a caring way. They will also learn about ways of talking to God through prayer. This will include learning the words and actions of the sign of the cross.

Mathematics

In our Maths sessions this half term will be learning lots of number songs. The children will be acting out these songs using props which will teach them how to count in order, use a 1-1 correspondence and notice changes when something is added or taken away.

The children will also begin to explore the properties of objects, such as their colour, size and shape as they are taking part in matching and sorting games and activities.

Expressive Arts and Design

This half term children will be introduced to our painting and creative stations. They will begin to explore a range of media and use their imaginations to bring their ideas to life. We will also be making crafts which relate to our UTW topic using natural materials.

Children will be taking part in weekly music lessons following our new sing-up scheme. The first unit is all about making friends, turn-taking, sharing, working together, and building confidence and unity in a classroom full of new faces.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Our 'My Happy Mind' topic this half term will be 'Meet your Brain'. The children will be learning all about their brain and mind, building an understanding of how it works and ways to manage their emotions and keep their brains healthy. They will be learning mindfulness techniques which will help them to slow down their breathing, feel calm and feel in control of their emotions.

Communication and Language

As children settle into Nursery they will become familiar with the daily routine by listening and paying attention to what is happening around them. The children will engage in a range of listening games and will be encouraged to follow simple instructions. To develop the children's communication skills they will be introduced to use a wide range of vocabulary and learn the names of familiar objects, people and actions.

Literacy

Children will spend time daily listening to and sharing a wide range of stories, rhymes and songs. Our key texts this term are, Our Class is a Family, All are Welcome and Monkey Puzzle. We will be providing the children with a wide range of mark making opportunities which will encourage them to begin to make marks and give meaning to the marks that they make. We will also introduce daily squiggle whilst you wiggle sessions which develops pre writing skills.

In our phonics sessions the children will begin to develop and focus on their listening skills including; environmental sounds, instrumental sounds and body percussion.

Understanding the World

Our topic this term will be 'all about me'. The children will be learning and talking about themselves and their families, their likes and dislikes. We will focus on all of the things which makes them special and unique. They will also be learning all about the similarities and differences between themselves and other people, starting with how we are different from our friends in class. We will begin to notice changes around us in the natural world as the seasons begin to change.

Thank you for your continued support.
Miss Price, Miss Whitby & Mrs Fisher