

CURRICULUM INFORMATION



Nursery

Spring Term 2020

We have now all settled back into our Nursery routines and have welcomed some new children.

If your child is new to Nursery, "Welcome!" We hope you and your child will enjoy your time with us. Please talk to us if you have any questions or concerns.

Curriculum

This term our theme is 'Traditional Tales and Favourite Stories'. We will also be continuing to plan around the children's interests and experiences.

Stories will include:- Jack and the Beanstalk, The Gingerbread Man, The Enormous Turnip, The Three Billy Goats Gruff, Goldilocks and the Three Bears, The Three Little Pigs and The Little Red Hen.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This term we will focus on developing confidence to talk to other children and adults when playing.

Also, expressing our feelings such as sad, happy, cross, scared, worried.

For our new children, we will be working hard to develop positive relationships, establish routines and to make sure that the children understand the high behaviour expectations of them.

Communication and Language

With our story theme we will focus on listening to stories with increasing attention and re-call and joining in with repeated refrains in stories.

We will also be asking and responding to questions:-

Who? What? Where?

Why? How?

Physical Development

We will continue to provide many opportunities to develop gross and fine motor skills. This term we will also focus on developing a good pencil grip for children's mark making. We will be teaching the children to 'pinch and flick' when using pencils and pens.

Literacy

Stories and traditional tales form the main basis of our literacy work this term.

Joining in with stories plays an important role in our children's early lives, particularly the development of **reading** and language and communication skills. This term we will also be introducing letter sounds using songs and Read Write Inc rhymes. We will send home information about this on a separate sheet and the sound of the week will come home each week.

Mark making is the start of **writing**. We always have a mark making area in Nursery and we encourage the children to talk about their pictures and marks. Children who are ready will have a go at writing their names and letters.

Mathematical Development

In **number** we will be recognising numerals and matching numerals and quantities. We will also be solving number problems in play. There will be lots of different opportunities for counting in nursery and we will be singing number rhymes and songs. We will also focus on a number of the week.

Understanding the World

We will be learning about different occupations and ways of life. Talking about things the children have observed such as animals and plants, linked to our 'Growing' theme in RE. We will learn how to operate BeeBots and other Nursery equipment such as cameras and torches.

Expressive Arts and Design (EAD):

This term we will be making up stories based around toys and small world play.

The children will be encouraged to engage in imaginative role play based on stories we have read.

Religious Education:

Our three themes this term are 'Celebrating', 'Gathering' and 'Growing'.
Celebrating - we think about how and what we celebrate and learn about how the parish family celebrates.
Gathering - we think about what we do together with family and friends. We also think about coming together at church.
Growing - we learn that spring is a time when new things grow and that Lent is a time when we grow in love.
If you and your family celebrate different religious festivals, we would be really pleased if you could send in some photographs for us to show the children and to display in our RE book.

Nursery Library

We have baskets of books available in Nursery which you may borrow to share with your child at home. Reading stories with your children is a very valuable experience for them. Just write in the big book to say which book you have borrowed and tick to show when you have returned it. We will start each child off with this by letting them choose a book to share at home. Please return it when you have read it to your child and choose a new one.

Outdoor Learning

As part of the Early Years Curriculum, Foundation children are expected to do some of their learning outside. Your child will be given the chance to be outside during part of every day, whatever the weather! With the weather in mind, please make sure your child comes to Nursery with appropriate clothing - hats, scarves, gloves and warm coats.

Activities to help your child at home

- Practise some self-help skills; encouraging your child to use the toilet independently, recognise their coat and shoes, put on and take off their shoes and coats etc,
- Talk to your child about the activities they have been doing at Nursery.
- Read lots of books with your child. Discuss the pictures with them and talk about what is happening.
- Practise counting objects with your child by touching them as you say the number names. Count socks, spoons, carrots, stairs, cars - anything! Make it fun!
- Talk to your child when you are outdoors - look at the changing trees and other signs of the different seasons.
- Sing songs together. We are building a collection of words to songs we sing in Nursery; if you would like a copy of any songs, please ask. Some of our song words are in the yellow folder in the cloakroom.
- Read the weekly Parent Note for ideas linked to the week's activities.

Collecting Children

Please ensure that you collect your child promptly, so that the staff can prepare the Nursery for the next session. If you do experience a delay, please telephone the school office on **01908 606966** to let us know.

Finally, the whole team values the philosophy of working closely in partnership with parents. If you have any worries, concerns or celebrations of your child's achievements, please do not hesitate to share these with us.