

Nursery Curriculum Letter **Summer 2019**

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

During our topic work children are encouraged to share their ideas and talk about home experiences. This will continue to develop their confidence when speaking amongst a familiar group, as well as to encourage their speaking and listening skills. Remember to ask your child lots of questions at home to develop their thinking skills, especially discussions around what they did during their school day. This can also be done in their home language.

We will continue to remind the children the importance of personal hygiene and encourage them to be independent when using the toilet. Washing hands after using the toilet is essential, please remind children at home. The children have access to soap and water which we encourage them to use, particularly after coughing and sneezing into their hands.

Literacy

We continue to place an important emphasis on Literacy. We offer many opportunities for children to read and write. The children are taught phonics on a daily basis in small matched level learning groups. This involves children learning letter sounds. As the children become familiar with each letter sound, they will begin to blend the sounds together to read simple words eg c-a-t, h-o-t, s-u-n. They will also be encouraged to use the sounds they have learnt when writing. The children are also taught to read 'Red words' or 'tricky words' which they learn to read by sight, for example I, the, what, who.

We will continue to focus on name writing. Please remember when practising this at home, only the first letter of their name should be a capital letter. The children are provided with many writing opportunities and have free access to writing materials both inside and outside, to develop their fine motor skills.

The children write using many different materials such as paints, glitter and sand, as well as using pencils. You can reinforce this at home by encouraging children to trace sounds when completing their writing.

Our lessons are now based around children's books. These texts are specially selected and children's interests being taken into account. We unpick the themes from the stories and plan activities based around these themes. We do so to enhance children's understanding and knowledge, along with developing a range of skills.

Maths

The children will continue to learn about the calendar during daily Maths lessons. This includes focusing on counting, pattern, naming the months of the year and days of the week, as well as talking about the weather. We will continue to develop children's number recognition and writing numbers 1-20. This can be easily reinforced at home by counting objects and recognising numbers around them. Other Numeracy skills will be introduced including ordering numbers, estimating, finding number more or less than a given number and size.

We have introduced our children to Numicon shapes which support children in counting and visualising numbers with concrete objects.

How is Numicon used? In the Early Years the shapes are used to represent numbers from 1-10 and in the stages used after this, the apparatus is used to show higher numbers giving an important concrete image of place value.

Understanding the World

After our visit to the Willow's Farm, we will be selecting a text with a focus on farm animals and their habitats. This will flow into other topics such as, mini-beasts, plants and seasons. We will also be focusing on showing care and concern for living things. Children will enjoy planting seeds and watching them grow, as well as learning how to care for and look after them.

The children will continue to have free access to the computer, in order to continue to develop their computer skills. The interactive whiteboard has a range of activities for children to develop their skills across the curriculum.

The children will continue to take part in cooking activities regularly. Through these practical activities they will develop the ability to follow simple instructions, use various cooking utensils and will develop understanding of the importance of hygiene.

In order to cover the cost of ingredients we ask for a voluntary contribution of £2.00 every term. This is greatly appreciated.

Expressive Arts and Design

The children will continue to have access to a variety of creative activities, such as painting, cutting and sticking, printing and model making. 'making more music' will allow children to explore musical instruments further and discuss how sounds can change, for example, fast and slow, high and low.

The children will continue to have access to various role play areas and small world resources.

Physical Development

Children have continuous access to the outdoor area throughout the year. Please remember that your child needs to wear appropriate clothing according to the weather. **All uniform, including your child's outdoor clothing, should have their name on.** The children will have daily opportunities to develop their gross and fine motor skills through activities inside the classroom, such as drawing, using scissors and manipulating play dough. The outdoor environment has climbing equipment, large construction, cars and a many other resources for the children to explore.

PE activities are linked with their personal development. We will continue to develop their spatial awareness and develop different ways of travelling. We will be developing their ball skills such as throwing and catching, bouncing and rolling. Please remember that children should not be wearing any jewellery on these days.

Library Books and Homework

Every **Wednesday** the children choose a new library book to take home. The children will continue to have Literacy and Numeracy homework every week. Homework activities will be set around the book that will be reading that week and will be a consolidation of their learning in class. It is important to spend time working through the activities with your child each week. Parents are expected to read to their children daily. Adults are encouraged to ask their children questions about the book, to further cement their understanding.

Please remember that all book bags, including library books are to be returned EVERY Monday.

Please remember that the Nursery staff are always available at the end of the session to discuss any queries you may have.

Thank you for your support.

The Nursery Team.