

Do What Matters Most

Be Yourself, Always

Show You Care

Succeed Together

My Home and Me

We look forward to welcoming all the children back after their Winter holidays well rested and ready for more fun at Nursery. This half term we will be focusing on learning about our families and what different homes can look like. We will be sharing stories that take place in different parts of the world and talk about how they are different to the place that we live.

Communication and Language:

We will be sharing stories about families and families that live in different places to us.

We will continue supporting children who have been identified as needing support with their speech and language by taking part in weekly Wellcomm groups.

Some objectives we will focus on with the children this half term are listed below:

- I am beginning to listen to a range of songs and stories.
- I can be a 'good listener' to others by looking at them when they are talking.
- I am using more language to describe such as 'big/small, fast/slow'.
- I use pronouns correctly such as 'he/she'.

Physical Development:

Children will continue taking part in weekly PE sessions at Nursery. Our theme this half term is Pirates. We continue to develop our throwing, kicking and movement skills (our gross motor skills) during these sessions. We also develop our gross motor skills in the classroom on our bikes and scooters and by climbing and moving in different ways.

We will continue our 'Squiggle' sessions this half term which is a programme which helps develop children's gross and fine motor skills to ready them for writing.

Some objectives we will focus on with the children are listed below:


- I can draw simple shapes such as circles and lines.
- I can use large and small motor skills to do things myself, for example manage buttons and zips.
- I show more independence, such as wanting to feed myself and take my coat off/ on.

Personal Social and Emotional Development:

The children are beginning to show more independence at Nursery and we continue to develop that this half term.

Some objectives we will focus on with the children are listed below:

- To begin to know what is right and wrong and be able to follow the school rules.
- To be able to develop play with other children.
- To wait more patiently for my turn.
- To be able to recognise that some actions can hurt or harm others and begin to be able to stop themselves from doing something they shouldn't.
- To begin to feel strong enough to express a range of emotions.

<p>Key experiences:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Pancake Day ● Going on a winter walk and hot chocolate ● Ramadan (Food tasting/ call to prayer) 	<p>Songs and Rhymes:</p> <p>5 little peas</p> <p>Little Miss Muffet</p>	<p>Parental engagement:</p> <p><u>Parent Workshop:</u> Tiny voices- how we teach listening and attention and why it's important. Date TBA</p>
<p>Literacy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● We will continue to practice our listening skills to listen to stories based on our topic. ● The stories we will be reading will teach the children about families and some different homes and environments. We will practise talking about some of the things they have observed such as plants, animals, natural and found objects. ● We will share on Dojo some of the stories the children have enjoyed so these can be talked about at home. 	<p>Stories:</p> <p>Focus text</p>  <p>Other texts:</p> 	
<p>Maths:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● We will focus on counting in order to 3 and will be providing lots of opportunities to count small groups up to 3. ● We will sing lots of songs and rhymes that helps develop an understanding of the number system. ● Some of the songs we will share will be '1,2,3,4,5,, 5 little ducks/frogs and Alice the Camel'. ● The children will begin to recognise some numerals and sometimes accurately match numbers to amounts on their fingers. 	<p>Other wider curriculum activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ramadan linked activities ● Random Acts of Kindness/ Valentines linked activities ● Making pancakes and choosing own toppings ● Building houses for the pigs. ● Freeing frozen animals from the ice. 	