



Welcome back

A big welcome back after the summer break to our children continuing their education in nursery and 'hello' to new children starting this September. This term will be dedicated to 'getting to know each other' for the children, parents and teachers alike. Our topic begins with 'I wonder what makes me special!' and moves onto 'I wonder what we celebrate'. We will be using high quality texts and rhymes to engage and inspire learning across all areas of our curriculum. Through this engagement, the children will guide our planning and provision.

Communication and Language

Communication skills can be the key to good progress. Children will be encouraged to develop and expand their language skills in a variety of situations, both formal and informal, when playing and during structured games and activities.



Personal, Social and Emotional Development



This term is all about building relationships and developing a sense of belonging in a new environment. There will be an emphasis on turn taking and sharing,

through participating in a variety of activities. Routine and group work gradually introduced through register time, milk and fruit time, singing and story sessions and circle time.

Physical Development

Children will be encouraged to develop an awareness of body parts and explore the different ways they can move their bodies. Children will participate in action songs and rhymes and there is a P.E. session each week. Outdoor play provides opportunities for children to enjoy energetic activities such as climbing, running, jumping, skipping etc. Indoors, children experience many activities that involve developing fine motor skills such as linking small construction materials, sticking and using one handed tools.

Literacy

Children have opportunities to enjoy books in the book corner, listen to stories, and participate in stories and rhymes. Activities are often based on children's responses to stories. Children will be introduced to Letters and Sounds Phase One. The emphasis during Phase 1 is to get children attuned to the sounds around them and ready to begin developing oral blending and segmenting skills.



Mathematics

Numbers and shapes are all around us, and the children are encouraged to notice numbers and shapes and find out how we use them in everyday situations. Games will involve sorting and matching, counting quantities and recognising numerals and extending mathematical language. Children will participate in singing counting songs and problem solving during group time every day.



Understanding the World

This term children will begin with getting to know our nursery, its routines and expectations. Children will be encouraged to explore each area in nursery, including our outside area. This will extend to learning about ourselves as members of nursery, as well as a family member. Children will be encouraged to develop a greater awareness of their senses. Autumnal weather and the celebrations of Diwali and Christmas will also be a part of our focus. Children will be their learning journeys as a record of the work they do.



Expressive Arts and Design Children will have the opportunity to use and explore a variety of tools and materials aimed at extending sensory experiences and developing self-expression, techniques and skills. We encourage the exploration of sound through playing musical instruments. The role-play and dressing up areas encourage children to play imaginatively.

