

Nursery Term 1.2

What are we learning in Nursery this half term?

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Children will continue to follow rules and routines and understand the importance of them. They will also continue to understand the importance of sharing and taking turns. Children will be encouraged to play with their peers, develop friendships and begin to play in small groups. They will be continuing to select resources they need for activities independently.

How to help at home:

Talk to your child about their friends at Nursery, begin to talk about emotions.

Physical Development

Children will continue to be supported to develop their independence in self-help skills. Children will be supported to develop their movement, balancing and climbing through a range physical activity. We will begin using large muscle movements to develop their painting, drawing and mark making skills.

Children will be encouraged to use a comfortable grip with good control when holding writing tools.

How to help at home:

Encourage physical activity at home, making streamers and flags with your children to develop large muscles movements.

Communication and Language

Children will be encouraged to use all areas of Nursery and talk about what they are learning. They will also be encouraged to listen to others and take turns in conversation during Family Group times.

Children will begin to listen to longer stories, recalling key events and talking about it during group time. Children will be encouraged to follow simple instructions around the daily routine.

How to help at home:

Encouraging them to talk about their day and ask them about what they have been learning. At home share a story with your child daily.

Literacy

Children will be introduced to the parts of a book looking at the cover, page number and the name of the author. We will continue to support children when handling books and turning pages carefully. Children will be introduced to different types of writing media to encourage early mark making and forming letter shapes.

How to help at home:

To introduce your child to different media for example, magazines, leaflets and lists.

Mathematics

Children will be involved in daily counting activities. They will also have opportunities for sorting objects according to colour, size or shape. Children will be encouraged to make comparisons between quantities and say which has more or less. Children will be introduced to 2D shapes and will talk about their properties using mathematical vocabulary.

How to help at home:

Introduce mathematical language to your child, such as more and less when looking at quantity.

Understanding the World

Children will continue to use their senses to explore the environment. They will be introduced to natural materials, types of leaves, rocks, pebbles and seeds. Using tools to explore these materials, learning new vocabulary and talking about what they have observed.

How to help at home:

On your way home from school talk about which natural materials you can see, look at the changes of colour to leaves and collect materials too.

Expressive Arts and Design

Children will experiment with blocks, colours and marks. They will continue to explore different textures and be involved in messy play. They will be exploring sounds and music and will be encouraged to create movements and express their feelings. Children will be introduced to dressing up resources to support their role-play and use their imagination.

How to help at home:

Listen to different rhythms and beats from music, encouraging your child to make movements and dance.

If you have any questions about your child's learning, please see one of the Nursery practitioners, who will be happy to help you with any questions you may have. Parents are reminded to bring in a bag containing a spare change of clothes and please provide your child with a water bottle too. Parents are encouraged to work alongside their child's practitioner to help settle your child into Nursery life.