



# Nursery Curriculum News

## Autumn Term



Welcome! We are so excited to have all of our new children and their families started in the Nursery. During the first half term our topic will be "All About Me". Our Favourite Five books will be 5 Minutes Peace, Elmer, The Gruffalo, Owl Babies and A Tiger Comes To Tea.. These are books we will read over and over again to get to know the stories really well! Next half term will be themed around "celebrations" where we will think about how we fit in to all the different groups of people in our lives, such as our families, our friends, our school and our community. Our Favourite Five in Autumn 2 will be Goldilocks, The Very Hungry Caterpillar, A Squash and a Squeeze, Peace at Last and The Rainbow Fish.

### Communication, Language and Literacy

We will be learning to:

- Say and write our Set 1 sounds in the Read, Write Inc. program
- Listen to stories and answer questions about them
- Have conversations with each other and take turns speaking
- Maintain our attention for longer periods of time
- Try lots of different mark making activities and tell others about what we have written, drawn or painted

At home you could:

- Practise writing sounds, and your name, or mark making in different ways, such as using our fingers to write sounds in messy things like shaving foam or sand

### Maths

We will be learning to:

- Recognise and name colours in a variety of contexts
- Match objects that are the same
- Sort objects by different attributes, and describe how they are different and the same
- Understand and copy simple repeating patterns
- Use the language of size
- Begin to count small groups of objects, and compare amounts, recognizing which group has more and less

At home you could:

- Help match objects at home, such as socks from the laundry!
- Create simple patterns using actions and sounds
- Count objects around the house and play games that involve counting



Play board games together to practise counting skills



Try rolling a dice, then counting and writing the number of dots. You could even make your own dice with higher numbers to try and challenge your child. They could also roll three or four numbers then try to put them in order.

### Help at Home!

Build things together using different construction materials, such as blocks or Lego. Talk to your child about the shapes they are using and how they are making it.



Try cooking together at home! You could talk about the weight and feel of different ingredients or count out different ingredients to add, such as toppings to put on pizza!

## Personal, Social, Emotional Development

We will be learning to:

- Make new friendships
- Talk about ourselves and our families
- Share and be patient while waiting for our turn
- Take pride in our independent work and creations

At home you could:

- Arrange play dates and attend groups with your child to help boost social skills and form relationships

## Physical Development

We'll explore new physical challenges through our outdoor classroom and in our PE sessions.

We will be learning to:

- Move safely in different ways and in different directions
- Use equipment and tools safely
- Develop our fine motor skills through lots of cutting, threading and tracing activities
- Keep healthy by learning about good hygiene and healthy eating

At home you could:

- Ensure your child eats healthily, balanced meals and talk about why we eat certain things
- Take your child outside to play in the garden or a park

## Understanding the World

We will learning about:

- People who help us in the community such as police officers, firefighters and doctors and nurses
- Different living things, especially what we find in our garden
- Different holidays and celebrations such as Christmas and Diwali

At home you could:

- Take your child to the park and explore the natural things they can find
- Go to the library and learn new things about our topics that they can share with our class

## RE

We will be:

- Reading different stories that demonstrate our school values
- Discussing things we can do to show our school values
- Discussing our three school rules

## Expressive Arts & Design

We will be learning to:

- Be creative through lots of different art and craft activities, such as painting Elmer
- Create storylines in our play, especially when we use our role play area
- Join in singing different songs

At home you could:

- Sing your favourite songs together
- Try doing some arts and crafts together, such as creating your own masterpieces out of recyclable materials.

