



Summer Term 2023
Nursery
Curriculum Newsletter



Here are some of the exciting things we will be learning about in Nursery this term.

Literacy – Reading and Writing	Mathematics
The children will be introduced to a new story each fortnight. This will be linked closely to our theme and will provide them with a stimulus to encourage mark making and storytelling. These books include: <i>The Three Little Pigs</i>, <i>Little Red Riding Hood</i> and <i>Tiddler</i>. The children will continue to develop their drawing skills and they will be encouraged to think about the shapes and colours used when drawing, to create representations of people and objects. Children will also be supported to form some recognisable letters to write their own name. In phonics we will continue to practise our listening skills and will explore rhyming words. The children will play games such as ‘silly soup’; adding pictures/objects of rhyming items to the soup cauldron such as a bat, rat and a hat! Children will also begin to play initial sound games such as I-spy.	In maths, children will be learning their numbers up to 10. They will match numerals to quantities, practise their counting skills and represent numbers using their fingers. Children will sing a range of number rhymes to explore counting and use the language of more and less. When singing songs such as 5 Little Speckled Frogs, we will discuss how there is one less frog, each time one jumps into the pool! In addition, children will learn to use mathematical language to describe position, capacity and size. Learning on size will be linked to the story <i>Goldilocks and the Three Bears</i>, where children will be encouraged to compare and order different sized objects They will also begin to explore repeating patterns and the children will be encouraged to create their own repeating patterns.
Theme – Understanding the World	
Summer 1 – Once Upon a Time During the term, children will be encouraged to explore a range of materials. They will learn to describe and sort materials by their properties for example; rough and smooth, hard and soft or plastic and natural. We will link this learning to the story of <i>The Three Little Pigs</i> and the children will experiment with different materials to build a house for the pigs. Summer 2 – Under the Sea Throughout the summer term, children will explore the outdoors to develop an understanding of changes in the world around us. This includes noticing the daily weather to complete our daily calendar and learning about the changes we may see throughout the different seasons. In addition, children will explore different materials that float and sink.	
Personal Social and Emotional Development	Expressive Arts and Design
This term, the children will continue to develop friendships with one another. When playing, they will learn to cooperate and listen to each other’s ideas in order to extend their play. During key worker time they will develop their speaking and listening skills. The children will have opportunities to talk about their past experiences and will be encouraged to answer ‘how’ and ‘why’ questions. Throughout the term the children will continue to develop their understanding of the nursery rules and follow simple instructions.	The children will continue to learn a nursery rhyme every week and share this with their peers. They will explore musical instruments and use these to create their own songs. Through the construction, small world area and role play area, the children will continue to develop their imagination by making up stories linked to their play. In the creative area, they will continue to make models using a range of media, where they will practise their cutting skills and learn to join materials using tape and glue.
Physical Development – Gross and Fine Motor Skills	Managing Self
Children will continue to use the outdoor equipment to develop their gross motor skills such as climbing on the beams to balance and learning to pedal on a tricycle. In key worker groups the children will continue to complete daily ‘Dough Disco’ and ‘Squiggle while you Wiggle’. This will help to strengthen the children’s fine motor muscles to enable them to develop their pencil grip, which in turn will help to develop their writing skills.	The children will learn to become more independent by putting on their coat and attempting to zip it up, take jumpers and cardigans off and put them back on, and look after their belongings. The children will continue to learn how to manage their own personal needs by using the toilet, washing their hands and brushing their teeth. In addition, children will be supported to be able to use a knife and fork at lunch time.

Nursery Events

To launch our topic this term, children will come to school dressed up in their pyjamas for a 'bedtime story' event. This event will take place on **Wednesday 19 April**. To join in with this event, please send your child to school wearing pyjamas and they can bring their favourite bedtime story with them. Please ensure children also have outdoor footwear and a coat.

We will have a Stay and Play sessions on the **Wednesday 10 May** and **Wednesday 21 June**.

Polling Day

Due to polling day, Nursery will be closed on **Thursday 4 May**.

Drinking Water

Children are encouraged to drink water whenever they are thirsty in school. Cups are available, but we recommend that you send your child with a named, plastic drinking bottle of their own.

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Please follow us on twitter to keep up-to-date with what is going on in class and any important information.

@mna_nursery

Thank you for your support.

The Early Years Team

