

Nursery Autumn 1 Term Curriculum Map

Marvellous Me!



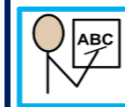
Literacy

Reading – Colour Monster, Colour and Me, The Perfect Fit, Peace at Last, Percy the Park Keeper, The Quiet Firework, Funny Bones – The Black Cat.

We will be supporting children to become confident in joining in with familiar stories and to have an awareness of how to handle books carefully. We will also be supporting children to develop their mark making skills and understanding that marks have a meaning. The children will begin to develop their lifelong love of reading, which is essential in the early years. This will be nurtured by reading stories and discussing what they have heard and seen. The children will also begin to recognise their name independently.

You can help at home by:

Reading regularly at home and encourage your child to talk about the story. Encourage your child to make marks in a range of materials.



Maths

One of the fundamentals of mathematical knowledge is developing a strong understanding of number. This includes beginning to recognise some numbers, represent numbers using fingers and start to count objects and pictures. The children will learn lots of songs to help familiarise themselves with number and participate in lots of counting activities. Exploring construction will support the children to develop an awareness of shape. Through a variety of play based activities, the children will develop their mathematical thinking and language.

You can help at home by:

Singing number songs, talking about daily routines, using the language of quantities at home (more, a lot etc)

Using the language of size at home (big, biggest, small, smaller)

Physical Development

The children will develop gross and fine motor skills through indoor and outdoor play. They will have opportunities to develop their movement, balance and ball skills. We will provide activities for developing fine motor skills to strengthen the muscles in their hands, which is essential for holding a pencil and early writing skills. These will include play dough and dough gym, using tweezers, threading, and using pegs. The children will also develop cutting skills through craft activities.

You can help at home by..

Supporting your child to develop their independence and self-help skills – such as taking their own coat off or using the toilet.



What's coming up this term?

- Harvest
- Black History Month
- International Day of Languages
- Individual photographs

Understanding the World

Our focus for this term will be 'Marvellous Me', talking about ourselves and our community. The children will develop an understanding of themselves, their families and special events. We will also be exploring our environment as the seasons change.

You can help at home by..

Talking about people who are special to your child and looking back over photographs of memorable occasions. Talking to your child about things they notice around your home and local area.



Communication & Language

During the first term, the children will be learning to follow simple instructions when in class. This will include tidying up, sitting on the carpet and following instructions linked to the daily routine. A fundamental part of developing communicative skills involves active listening. We will play lots of listening games to help children develop this skill. As the children begin to develop new relationships, they will also begin to initiate conversations with those around them. The children will learn new vocabulary through their play, engagement with stories and songs combined with daily conversations with adults.

You can help at home by:

Talking to your child, singing songs and reading stories.

Expressive Arts and Design

Expressive arts and design provide the children with opportunities to engage in a variety of rich and creative activities. Children will be able to express themselves using various mediums including dance, song, drawing, collage and paint, where they will explore colour mixing. The first term will be introducing children to creative tools and equipment that we have available and modelling how they can use them for their work. We will also be encouraging the children to develop their imagination through utilising the materials available to them in creative manners where possible.

The role play area will reflect a home environment, as children can draw on their home experiences and replicate them.

You can help at home by..

Talking to your child about what they have drawn and singing songs together



Personal, Social and Emotional Development

The children's personal, social and emotional development are central to their learning in the first term in nursery. Children will begin to become familiar with their class community through building relationships with other children in the class, learning their names and beginning to play alongside them. Children will also start to work alongside others in small groups and they become increasingly familiar with their classmates. As the children are settling into their class, they will come familiar with the key adults in the classroom and setting. We will support the children in their play, showing them how to use the resources appropriately and how to look after their classroom environment.

You can help at home by:

Talking to your child about Nursery and encouraging turn taking.