

Communication & Language:

We will be listening to familiar nursery rhymes and songs and taking part in daily talk time through shared stories. We will be joining in with circle time, talking about our family, home and pets, as we get to know our new classmates and teachers.



Personal, Social & Emotional Development:

We will be settling into our new school, getting to know our classmates and classroom. We will be establishing rules and routines and learning how to look after our classroom and how to treat others. We will learn about naming our emotions, how to ask for help and share resources with others.



Physical Development:

The children will be introduced to Soft Play in the hall for our PE lessons where we will focus on spatial awareness, agility, co-ordination, balance and core stability. They will become familiar with the outside play area during their free flow play where they will have opportunities to develop their fine and gross motor skills. The children will take part in daily 'Funky Finger' sessions to develop their fine motor skills. They will participate in handwriting lessons to develop correct letter formations of taught sounds.

Literacy:

The children will begin their Sounds-Write journey and will be introduced to the sounds a, i, m, s, t, n, o, p, b, c, g, h. As they learn new sounds, we will provide opportunities to practise letter formations of the taught sounds. We will also be learning to recognise and write our names, using the correct letter formations.

Our area of focus is All About Me and Nursery Rhymes. During our daily story time we will share books about feelings, emotions, families and homes. We will create a text map for I Can Sing a Rainbow to help us learn the song.

Listen to a version of I Can Sing a Rainbow here:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/articles/zn3tqp3>

Numeracy:

This half term we will be practising our 1:1 counting and subitising skills. We will be exploring the different ways to sort an array of objects; how to represent numbers on a five frame, how to order Numicon tiles, and how to represent numbers in different ways using objects and pictorial representations.



Forest School:

The children will be getting to know the forest area, learning about the rules and expectations. They will be taking part in a listening walk, paying attention to the sounds they can hear. They will be learning to use their observational skills as they look closely at the changing of the season.



Understanding the World:

The children will have opportunities to talk about themselves as we explore Who am I? What is special to me? We will be talking about special people in our lives and who lives with us in our house. The children will explore the school grounds and meeting the people who help them at school. We will be finding out about Harvest and exploring seasonal changes throughout Autumn. We will finish the term learning about the festival of Halloween and how it is celebrated.

Expressive Arts & Design:

We will be creating self-portraits using paints and brushes, talking about what we can see as we look at ourselves in a mirror. We will be learning to mix colours as we create Autumn leaves and pumpkin pictures using seasonal coloured paints scented with spices. We will be listening and responding to an array of music and learning to find the pulse in familiar nursery rhymes.

Homework:

We only ask that you spend time sharing stories with your child. This will have a positive impact on their communication and language skills which in turn will support their development in all areas of the curriculum.

