



Nursery – Summer 1

PSED

During the final term in Nursery for our older children we will be working on developing independence and preparing for change. We will also be helping them to develop their ability to solve minor conflicts without needing a teacher to intervene. For our younger children in Nursery we will be continuing to develop their health and self-care skills and we will be encouraging the children to use the toilet independently. We will also be helping the children to understand the importance of looking after and caring for their environment.

Learning through play

Hopefully, we will be able to spend more time outside in the coming weeks as the summer weather is upon us. The children will engage in a range of gardening activities, water play, sand play and construction. We will be beginning to plant flowers and seeds in our outdoor area and encouraging the children to look after them by weeding and watering.

The children will continue to experience a range of play activities indoors with a high focus on role play. The children will help the teachers to make a space station, pirate ship and castle. Many of the children have been enjoying playdough, painting and collaging this half term and we will continue with this over the next 6 weeks encouraging the children to make representations of different mythical creatures.

It is the final term in Nursery for some of the children. We will be making sure it is action packed and full of fun. We will begin the term by looking for signs of Spring and then embark on our new topic where our learning will be focused around fantasy lands and mythical creatures such as; dragons, knights and princesses; pirates and mermaids, aliens and space and monsters. The children will love this topic and I am sure they will get very excited by the activities on offer.

Long ago and far away.

Physical Development

The children will be continuing to develop their balancing and climbing skills this term as well as continuing to learn to ride the balance bikes in and out of obstacles. Our weekly PE sessions will resume outdoors as the weather improves and the children will be developing skills which will allow them to play team games.

The older children will focus on writing their name and forming recognizable letters whilst the younger children will be learning to hold a pencil correctly and draw lines and circles. We will also continue to enjoy our Squiggle while you Wiggle fine motor control session. We will be continuing to support those children still in nappies with independent toileting.

Communication, language and literacy

This half term we will read a range of books about fantasy lands such as Into the castle, George and the Dragon, Pirates love Underpants and Here come the Aliens. The children will be developing their ability to answer questions about the stories they have heard and the books they have looked at, as well as making up their own stories using the characters they have come explored.

We will continue to use the Little Wandle phonics programme to teach phase 1 phonics. The children love our daily phonics sessions and are all able to recognize and say some sounds now. We will also continue to learn a rhyme a week so listen out for your child singing at home!

Mathematical Development

The Nursery children are now confident when counting and recognizing numbers to 5. We will now introduce the children to numbers 6-10 using Numicon to support their understanding of different amounts. We will also have a high focus on comparing numbers and developing the children's ability to say which number is more and which number is less. We will also be exploring 2D and 3D shapes. The children will use the shapes to make pictures, models and representations, talking about the shape and its features as they do so.

Home Learning

We will be continuing to send home our family learning activities this half term for you to complete together. We will also be sending home name cards for you to help your child recognise their name and begin to copy some of the letters in it.

Reminder - Please send your child in their PE kit on a Wednesday for our fitness sessions. Please send your child's book bag on a Friday for a new book to share at home.