

Curriculum Newsletter



Nursery Spring 2

The teachers in Nursery this term are:

- Mrs Langford
- Mrs Harper
- Miss Whitcombe
- Mrs Bryan (am)
- Miss Brookes (am)
- Miss Humphries (pm)



Due to the fact we have such a short term we are continuing our topic related to traditional tales this half term. The children will read Jack and the beanstalk, The 3 Billy Goats Gruff and The gingerbread Man. In addition to this, we also teach the children about Pancake Day, Mother's Day and of course Easter. The children always make huge amounts of progress in this term and it is lovely to see them blossom.



Reminder

Please ensure your child brings their book bag to school every Friday. Tuesdays are fitness day so children can wear joggers or shorts and trainers with a school top.



Learning through play

The children in Nursery will continue to learn through carefully planned play based activities revolving around topics and areas the children are interested in. The children in Nursery have particularly enjoyed retelling stories with puppets and small world characters this half term, so we will continue to provide them with the resources to do this over the coming weeks. The children have also been enjoying mark making and writing as they have been beginning to learn new letters and sounds in our phonics sessions. Hopefully, the weather will begin to improve as we leave winter behind and the children will be able to explore our outdoor area and help to tidy up the garden. The 30 hour children will continue to learn to play a variety of games, carry out STEM experiments and engage in cooking activities during the afternoon.



Communication, Language and Literacy

Our stories this half term will continue to be traditional tales including The Gingerbread Man, The 3 Billy Goats Gruff and Jack and the Beanstalk. The children will use puppets and role play props to re-enact the stories. We will continue to do our daily phonics sessions using Little Wandle - the children are making fantastic progress and are now able to recognise lots of sounds as well as being able to blend the sounds they hear to make words. Our younger children will be developing their spoken language and listening skills with Lola the Listening Leopard.

Maths

We will be investigating measurement during our maths sessions. The children will have the opportunity to fill and empty containers, measure length using cubes, twigs and measuring worms, and use the scales to explore weight. The children will also continue to develop their counting skills up to 6 alongside recognizing numerals 1-6 too. They will practice representing numbers in different ways using multi-link cubes, Numicon and counting toys.

Our new children will be beginning to learn some of our favourite counting rhymes such as 5 little ducks and 5 little speckled frogs.



Physical Development

We will be continuing to develop the children's fine motor skills this half term and teaching them how to use scissors safely and with increasing control. We will also be developing the children's pencil control and helping the older children in Nursery start to learn to write their name. Staff are also very excited to be continuing with Squiggle while you Wiggle this half term. This will help the children to build their core stability, which in turn will help them develop their writing skills. Progress through school. The children will also continue to join in with fitness activities on a Tuesday, joining in with our Get Moving and yoga programs.



Personal, Social and Emotional Development

The children in morning Nursery are now very familiar with the behavioral expectations. We will now be encouraging the children to apply the rules to their actions independently and develop their understanding of why it is so important we follow the rules. We will also be encouraging our older children to support the new younger children in doing this. The children are also going to be practicing solving conflicts with their friends without intervention from an adult - they will do this by thinking about sharing equipment and taking turns. The new afternoon children are now much more settled when coming into Nursery so we will now be working with them to develop their confidence when trying something new.

