



Nursery – Spring 1

PSED

This half term in Nursery we are going to be trying really hard to follow the rules and boundaries in the setting. The children are now very familiar with our school rules and 'relentless routines' such as 'super smart sitting' and 'fantastic walking' - we will now be encouraging the children to do this all of the time without prompting and model our rules to the new children in the afternoon. The children will also be thinking about broadening their friendship groups with the arrival of a new group of children. They will be learning that we can have more than one friend and play with more than one person at a time.

Learning Through Play

The children in Nursery will continue to learn through carefully planned play based activities revolving around topics the children are interested in at that point in time. The staff are always listening to what the children are saying and doing to ensure that we can respond to the children's interests in a variety of ways. We have noticed the children in Nursery love sand and water play and will be looking at ways of expanding their learning through this medium. The children are also enjoying playing in the home corner and we will continue to develop their play in this area over the course of the year. In addition to this, we will be having a high focus on exploring paint and paint tools this half term, alongside experiencing Chinese New Year, Valentine's Day and Pancake Day.

The children in Nursery were all very excited about returning to Nursery after Christmas and couldn't wait to tell us what Santa had brought them. This term we have welcomed new children into our Nursery afternoon session. The 30 hour children have been very kind and made their new friends feel very welcome. This half term our topic will be focusing on traditional tales. The children will explore a range of stories and linked activities alongside child initiated learning.

Once Upon a Time

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 introducing the children to Wiggle while you Squiggle this half term. This will help them to build their core stability, which in turn will help them develop their writing skills as they progress through school. The children will also continue to join in with fitness activities on Fridays, joining in with our Get Moving programme.

Communication, Language and Literacy

We have been very impressed with the children's speech and language development over the last half term. Many of the children are now confident to speak clearly to an adult and can answer who and where questions with appropriate answers. We will now develop this further by teaching the children to answer what, how and why questions. In Literacy, the children will be reading a range of traditional tales such as Goldilocks and the 3 Bears, The Gingerbread Man and The 3 Little Pigs.

Mathematical Development

The children will be developing their understanding of numbers to 5 and use them to solve simple everyday problems. They will be counting items to 5 and also linking the correct numeral. The children will continue to develop their understanding of 2D shapes by naming simple shapes as well as beginning to describe them using some informal mathematical language. We will also begin to investigate pattern with the children and introduce them to patterns in their natural surroundings.

Home Learning

The children will continue to bring home family learning activities for you to complete together this half term. These activities are very beneficial to your child so we ask that you try to complete them each week. In addition to this, we will be continuing to send 'proud clouds' home. This will be an opportunity for parents to send notes into school telling us all about the wonderful things your child has been getting up to at home so they we can celebrate them together. You don't need to fill them out every week – just when your child does something extra special. Don't forget to bring your child's reading bag in every Friday for their book to be changed. Remember children can wear joggers and trainers on Friday too.