

Communication and Language

We will be supporting your child's speech and language development through a range of different activities. These activities will include storytelling and role play, for example pretending to be a big bad wolf or a troll, or picking up some shopping from the supermarket.

We also have daily phonic sessions. These sessions will support your child to hear, identify and use different sounds and includes learning about rhythm and rhyme. This will be extended further as your child moves into Foundation 2 and they learn to read and write.

Children will also be encouraged to speak about their own interests, needs and ideas. With their key adult they will plan what activity they wish to take part take in, as well as well as being involved in adult planned activities.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

In Nursery we will encourage your child to become independent in their self-care. We actively encourage children to put on and take off their own coats and hats etc. We also encourage children to go to the toilet independently and select and use resources. We are, however always on hand to help your child out, should they need it and give lots of praise when they succeed in a task.

We encourage children to follow rules and routines and support children to share and play alongside and with other children. We want your child to be happy and confident in our nursery and support them through small group activities, which aim to promote self-confidence and self-esteem. Such as choosing songs for singing time and taking part in activities where children have to share and take turns, as well as activities which encourage children to express their own thoughts and feelings. Over the year we will celebrate lots of different celebrations including Christmas, Diwali and Chinese New Year to name a few.



Physical Development

Children will develop both their *gross motor skills* – physical skills children need to balance, kick a ball, climb, run, jump and ride a bike etc. As well as their *fine motor skills* – physical skills needed to hold a pencil and form letters or cut paper with scissors and hold a knife and fork properly.

We actively encourage children to use our outdoor climbing frame and ride the nursery bikes, as well as enjoy a game of football or catch.

We also encourage children to practise forming the letters of their name correctly and hold their pencils in a comfortable and secure grip.

Foundation 1

Understanding the world

We will talk about our own families, friends and celebrations.

We will learn about different occupations such as being a vet, hairdresser, builder, teacher or astronaut.

We will plant seeds and care for them, watching them grow before taking them home.

We learn about different materials and what things are made from.

We will learn that we live on a world where there are many different animals, people and countries and not everyone or everywhere is the same.

Expressive Arts and Design

As budding artists, we will learn;

- How to sing, move and dance with rhythm and expression
- We will extend our imaginations as we build cities and buildings in construction or take on a role in our home corner.
- We will draw and paint and explore different materials.
- We will get creative and make models, masks and collages to represent our learning.
- We will explore colour through painting and mixing paint.

We might at times get messy, even though we wear an apron! We have so much to learn and are eager and excited to learn.

Maths

As mathematicians we will be learn;

- How to count starting at 1
- How to count a range of objects
- What numbers come next
- What numbers look like
- What different 2d and 3d shapes we can see around us
- We will learn about size, length, weight and capacity
- We will learn all about positional language

Characteristics of Effective Learning

Playing and exploring – we will want to investigate and experience different things we will be keen to 'have a go'

Active Learning – We will keep motivated and although, challenges may arise we will enjoy our achievements when we do succeed.

Creating and Thinking Critically – We will develop our own ideas and make links so we can develop and adapt what we are doing.

Literacy

During your child's time in nursery they will share a range of different books with an adult. Our key text books include;

- Brown Bear, Brown Bear
- Where's Spot?
- Dear Zoo
- The Very Hungry Caterpillar
- We're Going on a Bear Hunt
- Jasper's Beanstalk

We also have story sacks to accompany many of our books, which include puppets and other similar stories.

Children will be encouraged to retell these stories and draw pictures and make marks to represent the characters in the stories.

We also have a daily story telling time and a singing time before we sit down for snack together. Hopefully, you will hear your child singing some of these songs. Our favourite is about a turtle.

Home Learning

You can help your child at home by encouraging them to put on their own coats and hats and unfasten zips and buttons.

You can encourage children to be independent in their toileting by providing them with pull-ups rather than nappies or encouraging them to go to the toilet or on the potty and be consistent. Please speak to nursery staff if you require any support or advice in this area.

You can help your child learn to recognise and write their name. They can also practise writing other things such as shopping lists or greeting cards. Remember any marks they make are great as long as they are having a try.

You can sing with your child and share stories. Why not make up your own stories?