



# Nursery Topics and Themes: Summer 1 2019



## Personal and Social Development

- Care of animals / pets
- Turn taking and sharing
- Talking about ourselves and our experiences
- Talking about how we can help each other
- Learning about other people's cultures and beliefs
- Keeping healthy

## Understanding of the World

- Festivals: Easter, Ramadam
- Habitats - water, farm, jungle, underground, over ground
- Similarities and differences
- Making animal carriers
- Planting - seeds, potatoes, beans
- Cooking - healthy cakes
- What to be when we grow up?

## ICT

- Using CDs, recorders to tape voices
- Using digital camera
- Interactive Whiteboard
- Computer
- Floor robots and remote controlled bugs

## Animals and Change

### Mathematics

- Recognising numerals.
- Using positional language
- Surveys relating to favourite animals / pets
- Pattern making / counting / sorting and measuring
- Discussion through play referring to position
- Counting using 1:1 correspondence
- Matching numerals to quantities
- Learn days of the week song
- Understanding the language of time
- Play 'What's the Time Mr. Wolf?'
- To use language to describe the size of objects
- Ordering numbers
- Calculating one more/one less
- Shape pattern making

### Literacy

- Stories of the week:
  - Easter stories: Spot, Golden Egg,
  - Healthy Eating
  - Pet Shop Sale
  - The Dinosaur Egg
  - What shall we be?
- Name writing
- Mark making and writing patterns using different medium
- Ascribing meaning to written work
- Using known letters in their writing
- Reading stories using pictures
- Learning the first letter sounds

### Physical Development

- Music and movement
- Moving as animals - balancing on different parts of their body and moving on different parts of their body at different speeds.
- Developing control of one-handed tools
- Developing control of small objects - throwing, catching, pushing, rolling, etc
- Healthv Living - Be active eat well

### Communication and Language

- Discussions related to the characters in the stories.
- Read, Write, Inc, speaking and listening
- Learning nursery rhymes and new songs
- Sharing news.
- Discussions related to things that grow and change
- Speaking and listening activities
- Rhyming games

### Expressive Arts and Design Music

- Topic related songs - How much is that doggy? Prehistoric animal brigade etc
- Exploring instruments

### Art

- Making animal cages
- Mixing colours
- Painting and collage work.
- Printing
- Describing textures

### Experiences / visits / visitors:

- Easter
- Planting
- Aspirations Day
- Healthy Week
- A-Life Workshop
- Life Bus

### The Curriculum in Nursery

The curriculum is planned in 2 main areas of learning experience - **Prime Areas** which include Personal, Social and Emotional development, Communication and Language and Physical Development and **Specific Areas** which include Literacy, Mathematics, Expressive Art and Design and Understanding the World. The Unique Child reaches out to relate to people and things through the **Characteristics of Effective Learning**, which move through all areas of learning.

- playing and exploring
- active learning
- creating and thinking critically

### Contributions from home:

Your support is invaluable and really does make a difference to your child's learning. This term we would particularly welcome help with any of the following:

- Looking at numbers and letters in the environment
- Parent Bags available for you to take home. Activities include songs, rhymes, stories and other learning opportunities
- Toy library available. Please ask for details