



Curriculum overview for Nursery

The table below contains information you will need to help support your child through their learning throughout the next term.

Please do keep it in a safe place and refer to it as needed.

This information is also available on our website.

<p>Personal, Social and Emotional Development</p>	<p>This term we will be encouraging the Nursery children to become more independent in their learning, whilst accessing with confidence, their environment and resources. We will help the children develop skills so that they can work co-operatively and promote teamwork, develop confidence and explore new things. The children will also be encouraged to be sensitive to the needs and feelings of others and to treat living things with care and concern. We will encourage the children to independently put on and take off their coats, hats, and gloves.</p>
<p>Communication, Language and Literacy</p>	<p>This term will be exploring the topics of Dinosaurs and also looking at our homes. We will explore these topics with books, discussions and videos. We will also focus on our listening skills and this will help us to widen our vocabulary and communication. The children will focus on stories, relating to our topic asking questions and making relevant comments about what is happening to promote understanding. We will introduce the children to information books, exploring the contents, index and layout of the text. We shall continue to develop our phonic knowledge by learning our sounds, looking at rhyming words and concentrating on forming letters in lots of different ways. These will include using pens, pencils, paints, shaving foam, sand and playdough. As a class we will be looking at the sounds and letter formations in our own names. The children will be encouraged to use their phonic knowledge in their Role Play Games to create, labels, lists and other notes to support play. To help your child with their listening skills,</p>

	<p>encourage them to sit quietly for a few moments at home or in a calm outdoor area. Ask your child if they can tell you the sounds they hear around them? Can they identify what they are? Discuss with your child what they can hear and encourage them to draw an image of this.</p>
R.E.	<p>This term we will continue to look at stories from the Bible and we will also be looking at the ceremony of Baptism and how we become a member of Gods family. We will also be preparing for Lent and Easter. We will be thinking about our Lenten promise of how we can help and think of others. We look at how it is a sad time during Lent and how we celebrate the happy time of Easter and the joy of new life.</p>
Maths	<p>The children will continue to have fun while they practice their counting skills and recognising numbers. We will explore weighing and comparing lots of different items within our classroom. We will be putting our new weighing skills to the test especially when we are cooking and weighing ingredients. The children will be using and exploring lots of 2d and 3d shapes within our environment. You can support you child with their numbers, by hunting for different numbers in the supermarket, spotting a certain numbers in car registration numbers, house numbers, bus numbers.</p>
Understanding the World	<p>As part of our topic of dinosaurs the children will be looking at lots of different dinosaurs, looking closely at dinosaur's physical features. They will sort and classify them into herbivores, carnivores, land, sky and marine species. We will also become Palaeontologists in our role play area excavating and studying dinosaur bones. We will also look at the prehistoric landscapes; investigate volcanoes and how they impacted on the environment. We will also look at different types of homes and how houses have evolved over the years. We will explore the different materials that are used to build our homes and which materials can make our homes warm, waterproof, windproof and safe.</p>
Physical Development	<p>We will continue to develop our gross and fine motor skills during activities in our indoor and outdoor areas. We will be developing our skills using a wide range of different techniques. This term we shall encourage our hands to work independently, by using one-handed tools (e.g. tweezers, scissors). We will teach the children to use scissors safely this will really help strengthen our hands and fingers. In PE we will be developing our balancing, running, hopping, skipping and jumping skills through lots of different games and activities. The children will also continue to gain</p>

	independence through dressing themselves for outdoor play.
Expressive Art and Design	<p>We will continue to get very messy when we are exploring different textures from coloured rice and spaghetti, to exploring gloop, making coloured ice shapes and sticky paste.</p> <p>The children will work with a variety of different materials, tools and techniques when digging and excavating the dinosaurs bones. We need to be gentle with our tools so that we do not damage our precious finds. We will also be going on adventures back in time to visit the dinosaurs. Imagination is key, when acting out our own adventures. Our role- play area will provide lots of opportunities for expressive play.</p> <p>We will also be singing songs and introduce percussion instruments to develop rhythm.</p>

Other information:

School trip to the dinosaur museum 28th February 2018