



# Nursery Topics and Themes: Spring 1 2019



## Personal and Social Development

- Being caring towards each other.
- Awareness of school rules and routines.
- Forming relationships with staff and children.
- Learning how to play and socialise together.

## Understanding of the World

- Building houses for the three little pigs using construction kits / walls for Humpty Dumpty
- Sorting and exploring different materials.
- Discussions related to journeys.
- Using programmable toys, tape recorder and various computer programs.
- Drawing maps
- Festivals: Chinese New Year, Valentine's Day,
- Understanding who helps us and their role in our community

## Cooking

- Porridge
- Biscuits

## Favourite Stories and Rhymes

### Mathematics

- Recognising numerals.
- Ordering objects by size.
- Making repeating patterns.
- Positional and directional language.
- Counting objects accurately.
- Talking about day and night.
- Sorting by colour, size and shape.

### Literacy

- Stories of the week:
  - The Gingerbread Man
  - Goldilocks and the 3 Bears
  - Three Billy Goats Gruff
  - Three Little Pigs
  - Little Red Riding Hood
  - Eric Carle Books
- Writing in practical situations such as menus, shopping lists, letters, cards.
- Letter matching.
- Speed sounds.
- Re-enacting stories.
- Name recognition and writing.
- Handwriting patterns.

### Physical Development

- Ring games.
- Movement games.
- Developing fine motor skills through threading, cutting.
- Parachute games.
- Developing throwing and catching skills.

### Communication and Language

- Discussions related to the characters in the stories.
- Speaking and listening activities.
- Learning nursery rhymes.
- Sharing news.

### Expressive Arts and Design Art.

- Printing.
- Drawing of story characters.
- Collage
- Mask making.

### Music

- Exploring instruments.
- Nursery rhymes.
- Learning songs related to stories.
- Adding sound effects to stories.

### Experiences / visits / visitors:

- K'nex Challenge
- Library storyteller visit
- Role Model Day
- Chinese New Year.
- ESafety Day
- Valentine's Day

### 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
- Share reading stories every day
- Play name recognition games
- Talk to your children to develop their language and vocabulary
- Bags available for you to take home. Activities include songs, rhymes, stories, etc!
- Cartons, pots and boxes for junk modelling – please no egg boxes or toilet rolls
- PE day is Wednesday. Children should come to school in their PE tracksuit bottoms or leggings. No skirts or tights.