



Nursery Topics and Themes: Spring 2 2019



Personal and Social Development

- Being caring towards each other
- Awareness of school rules and routines
- Forming relationships with staff and children
- Talking about what we are good at
- Turn taking and sharing
- Finding out about Spring
- Play and Learning skills
- Cooperative play

Understanding of the World

- Sorting and exploring different materials
- Using programmable toys, CD player and various computer programs
- Festivals: Pancake Day, Mother's Day,
- Looking at lifecycles
- Looking at similarities and differences
- Using various ICT equipment to support their learning
- Learning about the world around us

Cooking

- Observing and discussing what happens during cooking activities

Mini-beasts, Growth and Change

Communication and Language

- Discussions related to the characters in the stories
- Read, Write, Inc, letter sounds
- Learning nursery rhymes
- Sharing news
- Discussions related to things that grow and change
- Speaking and listening activities

Literacy

- Stories of the week:
 - Eric Carle Books
 - The Hungry Caterpillar
 - Teeny Weeny Tadpole
 - Spring
 - Handa's Surprise
 - Granny went to market
- Writing Mother's Day cards
- Letter matching and sounds
- Re-enacting stories
- Name recognition and writing
- Handwriting patterns
- Using letter sounds to write words
- World Book Day

Physical Development

- Developing fine motor skills through threading, cutting
- Parachute games
- Developing throwing and catching skills
- Developing scissor / pencil control
- Moving safely over apparatus

Mathematics

- Recognising numerals
- Making repeating patterns
- Positional and directional language
- Sorting by colour, size and shape
- Pattern making with resources
- Counting and sorting mini-beasts
- Money and shopping

Expressive Arts and Design Creative

- Observation drawings / painting
- Working creatively in 2D / 3D

Music

- Learning songs in relation to change and minibeasts
- Exploring instruments
- Nursery rhymes
- Good to be Me!
- Playing instruments

Experiences / visits / visitors:

- Pancake Day – 5/2/19
- World Book Day – 7/2/19
- Mother's Day – 31/3/19
- Comic Relief in Nursery – 15/2/19
- Parent Consultation – 29/3/19
- International Evening – 3/4/19
- Last Day Nursery Celebration – 4/4/19
- Parent workshop – Learning through play – 5/4/19

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