



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the new children starting and welcome back to the new school year for the children who were here before! We are looking forward to a new year of learning in Nursery. This half term our main topic is **'Our Wonderful World'**. Where possible, all of your child's learning will be linked to this subject. Below is a topic map outlining the areas of learning we intend to cover this term. A copy of this document can also be found on our website. PE will be on **Wednesday**. Please ensure your child comes to school in their **PE kit**. Thank you.

Miss Megan Williamson – Class Teacher

MATHS

This term, the class will be learning a variety of mathematical skills and knowledge:

- Settling in and Baseline.
- Number songs.
- Counting with numbers to three and beyond.
- Patterns-Children will be provided with a range of natural objects and everyday materials, as well as blocks, magnetic tiles and natural materials, building towers or trains of different coloured cubes for children to play with.
- Shape and Space-play with blocks, shapes, puzzles and shape sorters.
- Measure-Explore bigger and smaller.

EXPRESSIVE ARTS AND DESIGN

The children will be exploring a range of creative skills:

- Enjoy and take part in action songs, nursery rhymes and music.
- Explore paint using fingers, hands, brushes and other tools.
- Instruments- listening with increased attention to different sounds.
- Explore different materials freely using their senses and develop ideas on how to use them and what models to make.
- Start to take part in and develop simple pretend play and use an object to represent something else.
- Make intentional marks/drawings Experiment to create different textures.
- Self portraits, collage, printing and mixed media.

SPORTS AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

This term's focus is on developing gross and fine motor skills and to develop their ability to mark make with control. They will hold and explore different materials and tools and gain independence with using the toilet.

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Our Wonderful World



COMMUNICATION AND LANGUAGE

Communication and language will be incorporated in everything we do throughout the day. The children will learn to:

- Understand and respond to 'why' questions.
- Enjoy listening to stories and begin to make comments and talk about familiar books.
- Begin to know the words of nursery rhymes and songs.
- Use talk to organise their play e.g. "Let's go on the bus."
- Talk about their personal experiences e.g. family, holidays, weekends, interests, likes and dislikes.
- Communicate wants and needs appropriately.
- Learn new vocabulary and use in the correct context.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

- To learn new prayers and make the sign of the cross.
- Know that God loves and cares for each one of us and reflect on this.
- Hear about and respond to the things God created for us.
- Know that God has asked us to care for the world and think of ways in which we can help to do it.
- Know that God made each one of us different and special and reflect on this.
- To know about the core value – **Faith** and our Saint- **Saint Nicholas**

WRITING AND READING

This term, the children will be exploring the early stages of reading and writing. They will:

- Explore drawing and mark making and begin to ascribe meaning.
- Name recognition, self- registration and name cards.
- Handle books carefully and turn pages one at a time.
- Immersed in high quality picture books and learn new vocabulary, naming things they can see in a picture.
- Listen to familiar stories and repeat words and phrases.
- Understand print has meaning.
- To recognise initial letter of their name.
- Write some letters of their name.

UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD

The children will be covering a range of topics to help their understanding of the world around them.

- Seasons – learn about Autumn.
- Explore natural materials with different properties for example wet and dry sand, paint, play dough, leaves, conkers, shells and rocks.
- Make connections between the features of their family and other families e.g. talk about similarities and differences.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

- Separate from main carer happily.
- Share resources with adult support.
- Parallel play with other children and begin to build friendships.
- Select and use activities with support.
- Learn about Growth Mindset and have aspirations.

COMPUTING

The children will be introduced to Purple Mash, E-Safety and different technology like computers and iPads.