

Nursery Bees

Spring 2



This term within our curriculum we will be learning about Spring —we will be exploring the world around us and planting seeds and making observations. We will be exploring our topic through our story of the week, fiction and non-fiction books and activities within our provision areas.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will be encouraging our children to settle back into rules and routines and turn take, playing cooperatively with their peers and adults. We will be encouraging children to use their words to express their feelings and views during circle time discussions giving them the tools and vocabulary to articulate these. Children will be taught about the importance of fairness and will be encouraged to think about how to play in fair and cooperative ways with their peers.

Physical Development

We will be developing gross motor skills through the use of outdoor equipment, such as trikes, balance bikes and scooters. We will also be developing fine motor skills through finger gym, Squiggle and dough disco activities designed to strengthen your children's fine motor muscles. We will continue to practise our self-help skills fastening zips on coats and being able to take shoes on and off independently.

Communication and Language

We will be using our story, vocabulary and wish of the week as a tool to ensure we broaden and extend the children's vocabulary and understanding of words through offering them real-life experiences. We will be looking to broaden children's understanding through using 'why' questions to deepen their knowledge. We will be modelling conversation through play to encourage children to converse in more depth with their peers during play. We will be singing and speaking rhymes, encouraging children to recite these independently if they can.

Literacy

Through reading our story of the week, sharing books in our reading area and through the home library, we hope to ignite and deepen the children's interest in stories. We will be asking questions to elicit children's understanding of stories around characters, settings and feelings. Children will be developing their pattern and letter formation to enable them to make recognisable marks. We will be looking at familiar songs and symbols in our environment. We will be continuing to practise identifying and writing letters from our names.

Mathematics

This half term we will be working on problem solving in numbers up to 5. We will be using positional language to create routes and talk about familiar routes we know. We will be looking at the features of 3D objects and use these to create buildings and structures. We will be starting to look at patterns in our environment.

Understanding the World

We will be exploring Spring and observing how adults care for living things. We will be planting and talking about new life, developing an understanding of how to take care of plants and animals. We will be exploring different cultural traditions, such as Easter, Chinese New Year and develop an understanding of some of the symbolism relating to these.

Expressive Arts and Design

We will be continuing to use a variety of materials for a purpose. For example, using recyclable materials to join and make models. We will be exploring a wide range of mark making tools and drawing enclosed shapes. The children have really enjoyed experimenting with colour mixing so we provide further opportunities to explore this interest further. The role play area will become a school and a baby nursery following the children's recent interests.

Meet the Team...



Miss Hope
Nursery
Teacher



Miss Szendi
Teaching
Assistant



Miss Choudry
Teaching
Assistant



Miss Gill
Teaching
Assistant



Mrs Laws
Teaching
Assistant

Reminders:

- ◆ Children can bring a small plastic water bottle to Nursery, clearly labelled and containing water only.
- ◆ Please ensure all uniform is clearly labelled with your child's name.
- ◆ Keep up to date with our story and song of the week on our school website.
- ◆ We will be starting our home school library for Nursery to borrow a book to share at home with you. We will also include fun optional home learning activities for you to do based around what we have been learning in class. More information to follow.
- ◆ Children can bring a small bag/backpack to school to make it easier for them to transport water bottles, pictures and letters home. Please note, we have had an increase in toys and fidget toys coming into school. We do encourage these to stay at home as we don't want toys getting broken or lost in Nursery.

Diary dates:

- Week commencing: Monday 23rd March– Parent Consultations (phone call if preferable)
- Thursday 5th March- World Book Day - Dress up as their favourite book character or wear yellow
- Friday 20th March– Red Nose Day– Wear red