

# Nursery Bees

## Spring 1

This term within our curriculum we will be learning about all different types of animals-domestic, wild and nocturnal. We will be exploring these through our story of the week, fiction and non-fiction books and activities within our provision areas.

### Animals



### Physical Development

We will be developing gross motor skills through skills-based activities, such as ball skills; climbing and balance; dancing and moving in a range of ways. We will also be developing fine motor skills through a range of finger gym activities. Dough disco and Squiggle Whilst You Wiggle will help to strengthen your children's muscles ready for developing a pencil grip to enable them to form shapes and letters accurately.

### Communication and Language

Language skills and the acquisition of these skills play an enormous part in our early years curriculum and we will be supporting and encouraging children to broaden their language skills, through singing, exploring our story of the week, introducing a wide range of new vocabulary, playing turn taking games and developing interactions between peers and adults. We will also be exploring phase 1 phonics games and activities to develop phonological awareness.

### Mathematics

This half term we will be working on subitising, counting and number recognition to 5. Children will be encouraged to explore shape, using shapes to make pictures. We will be using positional language to play games, such as animal hunts.

### Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will be encouraging our children to settle back into rules and routines and developing their relationships with peers and adults. Self-help skills will continue to be encouraged and any support you can offer at home in helping children to dress and toilet independently will be appreciated in supporting your child.

### Literacy

We will be looking at our names, recognising them and beginning to trace letters from them. We will be exploring stories, new vocabulary and talking about stories, settings and characters making links from our own experiences. We are eager to inspire a love of reading stories both at home and school, so we will begin our own home learning library this term, sending books home for you to share with your child. Please fill in the comment's sheets - we love to hear which books you have enjoyed sharing with your children. More information to follow in the coming weeks.

### Understanding the World

We will be exploring animals and habitats through our topic this half-term. Our role play areas are linked to topic-exploring the role of vets to develop an understanding of occupations and other ways of life.

### Expressive Arts and Design

We will be exploring and using a wide range of craft materials to enable children to build on their own ideas. We will continue to use a variety of mark making tools and we will be practising to draw enclosed shapes. This half term, the children will be exploring with musical instruments and matching environmental sounds with pictures. We will continue with our dress up roleplay area for the children to develop their imagination through play and we will introduce them to our new vet's role play area where they will have the opportunity to take on various roles.

Nursery Team...In Spring 1 we would like to welcome Mrs Ward and Miss Choudry who will be joining the Nursery Team.



Miss Hope  
Nursery  
Teacher



Miss Giles  
Teaching  
Assistant



Miss Choudry  
Teaching  
Assistant



Mrs Ward  
Teaching  
Assistant

#### Reminders:

- Children can bring a small plastic water bottle to Nursery, clearly labelled and containing water only.
- Please ensure uniform is clearly labelled with your child's name, this includes hats and scarfs.
- Keep up to date with our story and song of the week on our school website.
- We will soon be starting our home school library where your child can borrow a book to share with you at home. We will also include a fun home learning activity for you to do based around what we have been learning in Nursery. 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.
- Mobile phones are not to be used on school site when collecting children.
- Children can wear a small pair of studs not hooped earrings for school but these must be removed or covered with plasters on PE days which is a Monday.
- Please ensure you have completed the school admissions forms for Reception. The deadline for this is **Monday 12th January 2026**.
- Please ensure your child has spare clothes including shoes in their bags in case they need to be changed.