



Nursery

Autumn Term 1

September- October 2023

Physical Development

The children will be introduced to dough disco which will help develop their fine motor skills. This involves using playdough and performing a range of hand and finger movements to music. We will also be focusing on their gross motor skills. This term we will be working on; putting on our own coat, running with control, changing direction, balancing, walking up and downstairs with alternating feet, jumping and climbing.

Religious Education

Our branch this term is 'Convent and Creation. The children will be introduced to God and learn about how he created the world and each one of us. We will also be learning how he loves everyone in the world, including us. Finally will learn about how important it is to look after one another and to look after God's World.

Mathematics

In our Maths sessions this half term will be learning lots of number songs. The children will be acting out these songs using props which will teach them how to count in order, use a 1-1 correspondence and notice changes when something is added or taken away.

The children will also begin to explore the properties of objects, such as their colour, size and shape as they taking part in matching and sorting games and activities.

Expressive Arts and Design

This half term children will be introduced to our painting and creative stations. They will begin to explore a range of media and use their imaginations to bring their ideas to life. We will also be making crafts which relate to our UTW topic using natural materials.

Children will be learning nursery rhymes and will be encouraged to join in with the songs and actions. We will be using body percussion and some simple musical instruments such as a tambourine, maracas, glockenspiel, castanets and wood blocks.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Our 'My Happy Mind' topic this half term will be 'Meet your Brain'. The children will be learning all about their brain and mind, building an understanding of how it works and ways to manage their emotions and keep their brains healthy. They will be learning mindfulness techniques which will help them to slow down their breathing, feel calm and feel in control of their emotions.

Communication and Language

As children settle into Nursery they will become familiar with the daily routine by listening and paying attention to what is happening around them. The children will engage in a range of listening games and will be encouraged to follow simple instructions. To develop the children's communication skills they will be introduced to use a wide range of vocabulary and learn the names of familiar objects, people and actions.

Literacy

Children will spend time daily listening to and sharing a wide range of stories, rhymes and songs. Our key texts this term are Our Class is a Family, All are Welcome and Monkey Puzzle.

We will be providing the children with a wide range of mark making opportunities which will encourage them to begin to make marks and give meaning to the marks that they make. We will also introduce daily squiggle whilst you wiggle sessions which develops pre writing skills.

In our phonics sessions the children will begin to develop and focus on their listening skills including; environmental sounds, instrumental sounds and body percussion.

Understanding the World

Our topic this term will be 'all about me'. The children will be learning and talking about themselves and their families, their likes and dislikes. We will focus on all of the things which makes them special and unique. They will also be learning all about the similarities and differences between themselves and other people, starting with how we are different from our friends in class. We will begin to notice changes around us in the natural world as the seasons begin to change.

Thank you for your continued support.
Miss Pinnington, Miss Price & Mrs Fisher