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Nursery Newsletter Spring 1

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

This half-term Nursery will be continuing to develop their awareness of their own feelings and the feelings of others. The children will begin to learn how to understand how their actions makes another child feel and how they can make that child feel better. This will support children in beginning to know how to show sensitivity towards others. Also, the children will be learning about how to keep on trying when faced with a challenge helping them build resilience.
All the Nursery children will be encouraged to welcome new children to our Ladybirds class this half-term. We will encourage the children to share, be kind and help the new children settle into Nursery.

You can help by: Encourage your child to keep on trying when they are faced with a challenge. For example, trying to fasten their own zip.

Communication & Language

In Nursery, we will begin to read longer stories to develop the children's listening and attention skills. We will continue to encourage the children to speak in full sentences and allow time for the children to explain their thinking using simple connectives, such as 'and'. We will encourage this during key worker time and support the children in developing their conversations during play.
You can help by: Asking your child what and why questions to allow opportunities for them to explain their thinking. Have simple conversations with your child about their day.

Physical development

Nursery will develop their gross motor skills by riding a bike or scooter and throwing, and catching a big ball. We will develop the children's fine motor skills through activities such as, threading and strengthening their fingers by pressing, squeezing and rolling with playdough.

You can help by: Spending time in the outdoors.

I wonder where animals live..

English

This half-term Nursery will be looking at books that allow them to explore 'where animals live'. The children will learn new vocabulary around this topic and will be encouraged to use them within their play. We will be teaching the children to put meaning to the marks they make and drawing some recognisable shapes. Children will be encouraged to hear the first sound in their name and clap out the syllables in their name.

Maths

The children will be learning to recognise their numbers to five. We will also teach the children to count using 1:1 correspondence and link amounts to numerals up to five. Nursery will be learning to identify 2D shapes in the environment and describe their properties.
You can help by: To count out toys and say the total number. To look out for simple shapes in their house. For example, a rectangle television.

Understanding the World

Nursery will learn about where different animals live. They will explore a range of habitats such as, the artic, jungle, ocean and farm. Nursery will begin to compare how these habitats are the same and different by learning new vocabulary. During this half term, the children will explore the season of winter and the changes to their environment.

Expressive Arts and Design

Nursery will begin to learn the basic skills of weaving using a range of materials, such as wool. The children will continue to learn how to mix colours when exploring the paint area. Nursery will begin to explore how to combine different materials to make a range of winter and animal pictures. The children will be encouraged to learn a range of Nursery rhymes linked to animals and develop their role-play skills through taking on the role of different animals.

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