Nursery Summer 1 Curriculum Leaflet 2023/24

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Here is an overview of the curriculum covered in Summer 1. This can be used as a guidance of how to help you child at home. If you require any further information, please contact your class teacher.



Personal, Social and Emotional Development



Communication and Language

Your child will be encouraged to:

- Become familiar with nursery routines and begin to form relationships with others (new children).
- Develop their sense of responsibility and membership of a
- Remember rules without needing an adult to remind
- Take part in experiences to encourage turn taking with resources and in conversation with others
- Follow expectations for behaviour and begin to use school rules vocabulary of "kind, respectful, safe and ready
- Make healthy choices about food, drink, activity and tooth-brushing

How to help at home: Talk to your child about foods that are healthy and unhealthy to eat and why.



Your child will be encouraged to develop their communication skills by:

- Begin to develop more complex stories using small world equipment.
- Know many rhymes, be able to talk about familiar books, and be able to tell a longer story.
- Learn and use a range of vocabulary e.g. the parts of a plant (petal, stem, leaf), different types of food (fruit, vegetables,
- Use talk to organise themselves and their play: "Let's have a picnic ...you get some food ...I'll get the blanket."
- Listening to longer stories and remembering much of what

How to help at home: Encourage your child to make up their and tell you their own stories using toys and props you have at home.



Literacy



Understanding the World

Core English texts:

Handa's Surprise/Oliver's Vegetables

Your child will be encouraged to:

- Learn new vocabulary e.g. from books and stories
- Take part in telling stories in Tales Toolkit sessions
- Notice a range of examples of print with different functions. e.g. signs, logos
- Spot and suggest rhymes e.g. mat, cat etc.
- Story mapping/sequencing of story.

Writing:

- Make small controlled marks and begin to describe movement and directionality
- Write some letters accurately

Phase 1 Phonics - Aspect 6 - Voice sounds

How to help at home: Draw your child's attention to signs and symbols in the environment and explain their meaning.

This half-term our focus themes are food and growing Your child will have opportunities to:

- Grow plants from seeds/bulbs and care for growing plants
- Understand and talk about the key features of the life cycle of a plant through e.g. growing vegetables in the edible garden
- Talk about the differences between materials and changes they notice, e.g. changes when cooking and following simple step instructions in recipes
- Explore, taste and talk about foods they have experienced from their own and other countries and cultures
- Continue developing positive attitudes about the differences between people.
- Continue to develop their observation and investigation skills using a range of materials e.g. magnets, natural resources

How to help at home: Cook with your child and talk about the ingredients and the changes that take place in cooking



Mathematics



Expressive Arts and Design

Your child will have opportunities to:

- Make comparisons between objects relating to size and
- Count up to to 5 objects in different contexts with one to one correspondence
- Experiment with their own symbols and marks as well as
- Talk about shapes using informal and mathematical language: 'sides', 'corners'; 'straight', 'flat', 'round'.

How to help at home: Play simple board and maths games with your child. Encourage them to count in sequence and recognise number patterns on dice.

Your child will have opportunities to:

- Play instruments with increasing control to express their feelings and ideas.
- Explore different materials freely, to develop their ideas about how to use them and what to make.
- Remember and sing entire songs and develop confidence to show/perform for others
- Draw from their imagination and observation e.g close observations drawings of different foods

How to help at home: Cook with your child and talk about the ingredients and the changes that take place in cooking.



Physical Development



Reminders

The children will spend time learning basic principles of a PE lesson such as:

- Finding space/Using and sharing equipment/Working individually, with a partner and group & physical running, jumping, throwing, catching, rolling, skipping skills
- Your child will have opportunities to:
 - Develop a comfortable grip with good control when holding pens and pencils.
 - Match their developing physical skills to tasks and activities in the setting.

How to help at home: Have a play outdoors every day, encouraging your child to take safe risks in their physical activities.

- Please ensure that your child is in school at all times (excluding when they are ill) as any time missed will affect your child's learning.
- Please read and share books with your child daily.
- Children need to bring in a named water bottle.
- Please remember to keep your plastic bag with extra clothes for your child topped up. Please label items of clothing.
- The staff will support your child to change their class library book on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- Please upload photographs of your child engaging in activities outside Nursery to the Tapestry app.